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MANKIND HAS VANISHED...

THE LAS VEGAS STAGE MAGICIAN, HANK MEDLEY, DISCOVERED THE WORLD OF MAGIC HAD MARKED ITS RETURN BY ELIMINATING ALL HUMANS FROM THE PLANET, PERMANENTLY CLOSING THE CURTAIN ON HIS SHOW, CHARISMAGIC, AS WELL. AN ANCIENT BEING KNOWN AS SAMSUN WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE THE VOID REALM, A DIMENSION CREATED TO CONTAIN MAGIC'S DARKEST SOULS. THANKFULLY, HANK—ALONG WITH HIS MAGICAL ALLIES SUDANA AND HIS TALKING CAT SPARKLES—WAS ABLE TO JOURNEY TO COSTA RICA AND REALIZE THE TRUE POTENTIAL OF HIS INNATE MAGICAL ABILITY TO VANISH INTO OTHER DIMENSIONS. THERE, DEEP IN THE RAINFOREST JUNGLES OF CENTRAL AMERICA, THE GROUP MANAGED TO WARD OFF SAMSUN'S COVEN OF MALICIOUS SORCERERS AND FREE THE CAPTIVE WIZARD KON—a powerful ally in the fight against those from the Void. YET, IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL QUEST TO FREE MANKIND FROM THE CLUTCHES OF ANCIENT EVIL, THE GROUP UNKNOWINGLY SET IN MOTION THE RETURN OF AN EVEN MORE SINISTER, AND DEADLY MAGICAL THREAT...



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• Smoke and Mirrors •

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SOUTH CENTRAL,
LOS ANGELES.

THREE MONTHS AFTER
THE VANISHING.

YOU GOT THAT
MAGIC STUFF, MY
BROTHER? I GOTTA
GET AT IT **REAL**
BAD!

YOU AIN'T
GOT THE BREAD,
YOU AIN'T GOT TO
EAT. YOU KNOW
THE DRILL,
HOMIE.

\$HIT AIN'T
RIGHT, J-BILL.
YOU KNOW 'DAT.
I NEED IT,
YO!

GO CRY TO
THE PO THEN,
FOO!

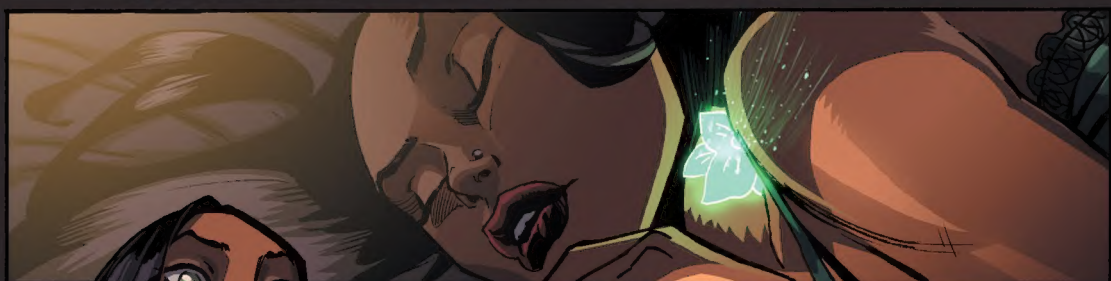
LOOKIT' THAT.
AIN'T NO SHAME IN
THESE YOUNGIN'S
ANYMORE.

I TELL YA--
THE HOOD'S DONE
TURNED FOR THE
WORSE--

BOOOM









WHO WANTS SOME?!

IT'S OKAY, SPARKLES. SHE JUST HAD A BAD DREAM.

NO--



--IT WAS NO DREAM. THEY ARE HERE.

WHO?



THOSE FROM THE VOIR.

NOT AGAIN.



BUT WE SENT SAMSUN BACK TO THE VOID REALM.

AND MORE HUMANS ARE RE-APPEARING EVERY DAY.

HOW CAN THIS BE?



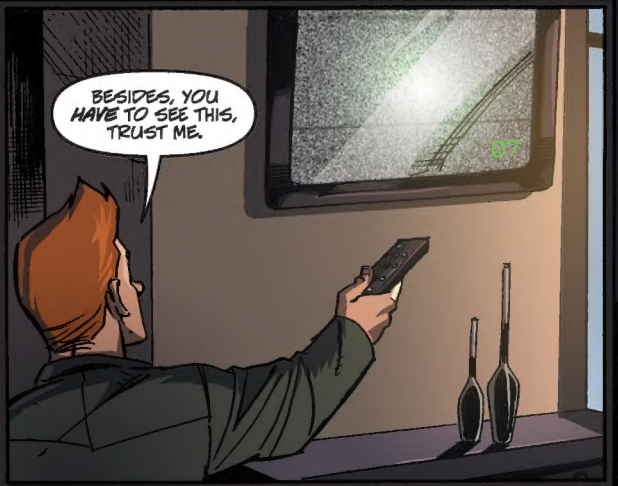
I SAW THEM, HANK. I FELT THEM. THEY'RE CLOSE.

KNOCK KNOCK



WHO IS THAT?!

SPARKLES, STAY HERE.



THE VOID REALM.

HOW ARE
WE TO KNOW,
MASTER?



WHEN WE
RETURN, THERE
WILL BE NO
DOUBT.

THEY CANNOT
WITHSTAND OUR
ONSLAUGHT. OUR
MYSTERY TO THEM
WILL BE TO OUR
ADVANTAGE.



AND ONCE
WE REACH THE
OTHER SIDE?



YOU WILL
FOLLOW THEIR
ORDERS...



LOS ANGELES.

THE COLISEUM.

"...OR YOU
WILL PERISH."

HURRY UP
BEASTS, OR IT'S
BACK TO THE VOID
REALM FOR
YOU!

MORE AND
MORE KEEP
COMING...

...I CAN SENSE
THE ILL NATURE OF
WHAT WE'RE DOING.
ALLE, YET MY MIND IS
UNABLE TO CONTROL
MY ACTIONS.

I FEAR WE
ARE CONTRIBUTING
TO OUR END OF
DAYS.

YOUR FEAR
IS OUR WEAKNESS,
HECTOR. PULL YOURSELF
TOGETHER. SERKE HAS
PROVIDED US WITH AN
OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME
FAR GREATER THAN ANY
HUMAN BEING.

WE ARE
TRUE VESSELS
OF CHANGE...

...AND I
WELCOME
IT.

THE WIZARD KON'S CHAMBER.

I FEARED THIS.

FEARED WHAT, KON? DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN L.A.?

I HAVE AN IDEA, YES. SERKE IS MUCH TOO KEEN TO HAVE BEEN DEFEATED SO EASILY BEFORE. I SUSPECTED SAMSUN'S ARRIVAL THEN MAY HAVE SERVED TO BE A DISTRACTION FOR A MUCH WORSE ARRIVAL.

BUT, THESE ARE CLEARLY SOLDIERS TO HIS CAUSE. WHY WOULD HE SEPARATE FROM THEM BY SENDING THEM HERE?

EXACTLY.

OH... NO--

--YES... HE MEANS TO RETURN AS WELL.

SUDANA, MAKE PREPARATIONS. IF THIS RING'S TRUE, YOU MUST JOURNEY TO LOS ANGELES-- SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STEM THE FLOW OF HIS ARMY--

--I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, BUT KON... THERE'S MORE...

...IN MY LATEST VISIONS, I SAW... WITH HIS ARMY, IT WAS...

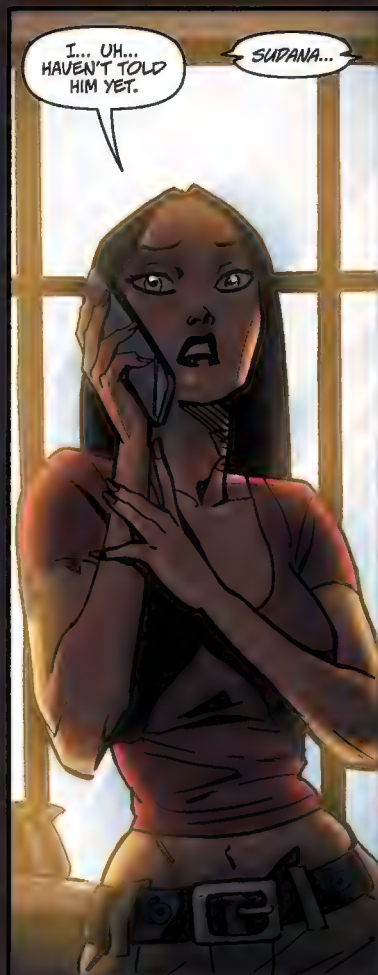


HECTOR AND
ALLE.

...
HANK'S ALLIES?
THEY HAVE BEEN
TURNED?

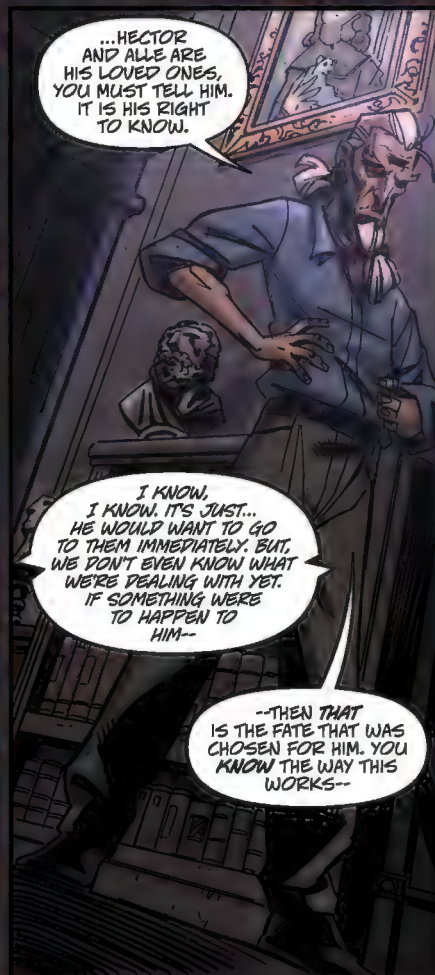
YES.

HOW IS
HE TAKING THE
NEWS?



I... UH...
HAVEN'T TOLD
HIM YET.

SUPANA...



...HECTOR
AND ALLE ARE
HIS LOVED ONES.
YOU MUST TELL HIM.
IT IS HIS RIGHT
TO KNOW.

I KNOW.
I KNOW. IT'S JUST...
HE WOULD WANT TO GO
TO THEM IMMEDIATELY. BUT,
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT
WE'RE DEALING WITH YET.
IF SOMETHING WERE
TO HAPPEN TO
HIM--

--THEN THAT
IS THE FATE THAT WAS
CHOSEN FOR HIM. YOU
KNOW THE WAY THIS
WORKS--



--YES, AND
LOOK AT HOW IT
ALWAYS TURNS OUT.
WE THOUGHT WE SAVED
THE WORLD BUT ONLY
ENDED UP MAKING
IT WORSE.



LOOK, YOU'RE
UPSET AND AFRAID. THESE ARE
NATURAL EMOTIONS AT A TIME LIKE
THIS. HOWEVER, YOU KNOW DEEP DOWN
WHAT I SAY TO YOU IS THE TRUTH. YOU
MUST ACCEPT THE PRESENT. HANK IS
A **VANISHER**-- HE IS MORE CAPABLE
THAN YOU GIVE HIM CREDIT
FOR...



...YOU CANNOT DECEIVE HIM.

I KNOW, KON. I KNOW. THANK YOU FOR THE ADVICE... I'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON.



ONE SHOULD TALK OF DECEPTION.

SHE IS A DRUID AND CAN SEE EVERYTHING, ESHERA. IF HER MIND WERE NOT CLOUDED WITH GUILT, SHE COULD HAVE SEEN YOU EASILY. I DON'T CONSIDER THAT DECEPTION.



SEMANTICS. EITHER WAY, I CAN FEEL THE CHANGE IN THE AIR. CAN YOU NOT?

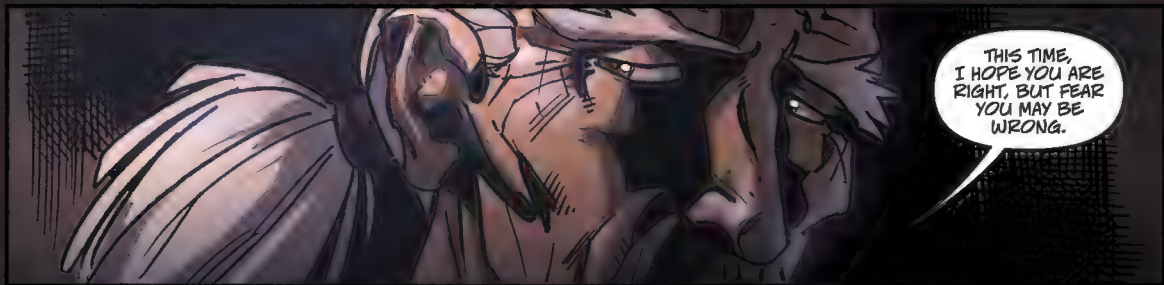
I FEEL RAGE... AND DARKNESS.

TO EACH HIS OWN. YOU SHOULD LEARN TO EMBRACE THE UNKNOWN MORE, IT WOULD SERVE YOU WELL.



YOU NEED TO GO TO LOS ANGELES. DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR PURPOSE?

HAS IT EVER CHANGED? THOUSANDS OF YEARS-- AND STILL THE SAME OLD STORY.



THIS TIME, I HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT, BUT FEAR YOU MAY BE WRONG.



MUNCHY,
YOU'LL HAVE TO
HOLD DOWN THE
FORT UNTIL WE
GET BACK.

GRRRR?

YES, THERE'S
PLENTY OF FOOD LEFT,
DON'T WORRY.

GRRRR!



I'LL KEEP
YOUR PET WELL
FED, HANK, NEVER
YOU WORRY.

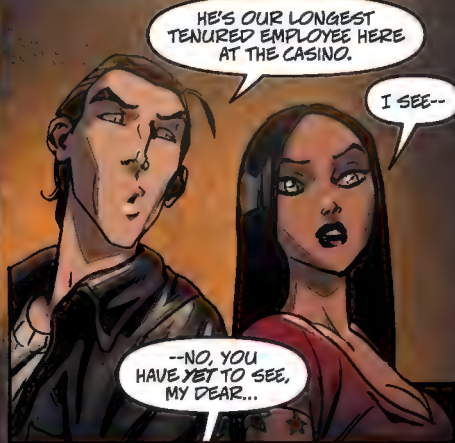
QUICK GAME
BEFORE YOUR
QUEST?

HEY, DEALER.
NOT SURE IF THIS
WILL QUALIFY AS
A QUEST.

YOU
CALL HIM JUST
DEALER?



I PREFER "THE"
DEALER, BUT A CLASSY
WOMAN SUCH AS YOURSELF
CAN CALL ME JUST DEALER IF THAT'S
YOUR GAME. ACTUALLY, YOU TWO
ARE THE *ONLY* GAME IN TOWN AT
THE MOMENT, SO I'M ON MY
BEST BEHAVIOR, REST
ASSURED.



HE'S OUR LONGEST
TENURED EMPLOYEE HERE
AT THE CASINO.

I SEE--

--NO, YOU
HAVE YET TO SEE,
MY DEAR...



...UNTIL THE
CARDS HAVE TURNED,
BEAUTIFUL.

WELL
PLAYED,
HEH.

DID
YOU HEAR
THAT?

MUNCHY,
GUARD THE
DEALER.

WHO SAID I NEED
PROTECTION?

RUMBLERUMBLE



I DON'T SEE ANYTHING, BUT I FEEL A MAGICAL PRESENCE.

SUDANA, ARE YOU OKAY? YOUR VISIONS DON'T SEEM TO BE WORKING AS WELL LATELY.



THANKS FOR THE CRITIQUE, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S ME, HANK.

IMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

JUST SAYING.



I DEFINITELY HEARD THAT.

FINALLY, SOME ACTION AGAIN!



IT SOUNDS LIKE...

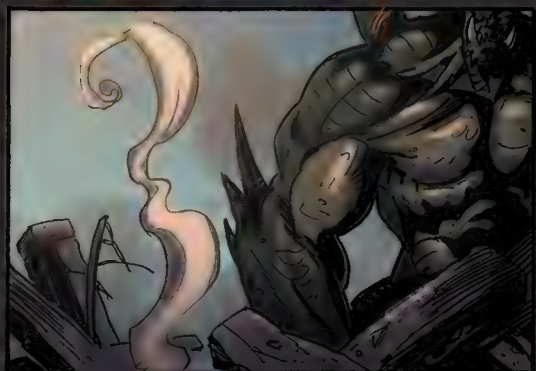


...IT'S COMING FROM THE...

CRUMBLE









LOS ANGELES.

I ADOPTED MUNCHIE.

WE SHOULD'N'T HAVE LEFT HIM LIKE THAT.

I'M REALLY SORRY. THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY. BUT, I HAVE FAITH HE WILL SURVIVE.

WHERE... ARE WE?

I USED TO LIVE IN THIS BUILDING... A LONG TIME AGO.



I SPENT QUITE A FEW NIGHTS UP HERE, FIGURING OUT MY LIFE. OR MORE TO THE POINT-- WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO WITH IT.

YOU MEAN, LIKE EVERY NIGHT. AND YOU WEREN'T ALONE.



YEAH, YEAH. I REMEMBER.

SO, WHAT'S OUR NEXT PLAY HERE, SUDANA?

WE NEED TO FIND A MAGICAL THEATRE, CALLED THE--



KENNY!!

THUD



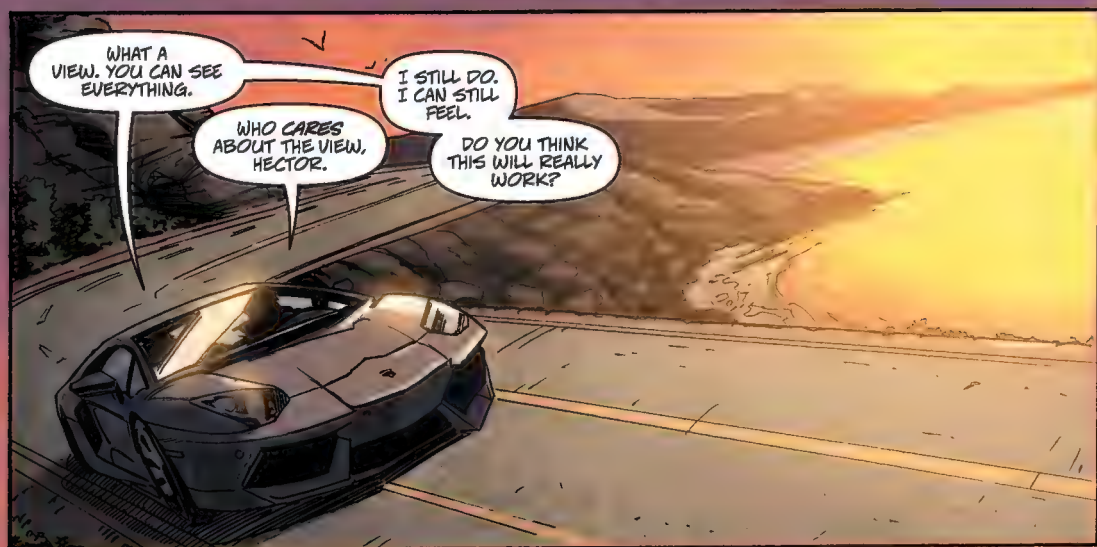
WHAT'S GOING ON, WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HIM??

I DON'T KNOW... MY VISIONS... THEY'VE... VANISHED.

HANG IN THERE, KENNY.



THIS IS NOT GOOD... NOT GOOD, AT ALL.





San Marina Nuclear
Power Station

...THIS
SHOULD BE
A PIECE OF
CAKE.

To Be Continued!

Charismatic

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I love magic.

Or more specifically—the unknown. That's what Charismatic has always been about since we started down this astonishing path several years ago. What is out there beyond our understanding of the world as we know it? Why do we fear the unknown? I'm not a spiritual person but I like to think there is more to our universe than just us humans and our mundane everyday lives; and I've tried to capture that sentiment within the pages of Charismatic. The unknown in a lot of ways dictates how we live and act—and what's out there for us beyond what we know and can see.

I know this much—we couldn't have gotten this far without the amazing creations from the minds of Vincenzo Cucca and Emilio Lopez. And Khary Randolph and Siya Dum. Together, they've taken my words and created a vision of humans and magic coexisting in ways I would've never imagined. To me, there is no unknown when it comes to these amazingly talented artists.

When we all set out to create this new volume, we knew that we had to up the ante and unravel the fabric of the Charismatic universe that we had so precisely woven in volume one. Along with Hank, Sudana, Sparkles and the familiar faces in volume one, there will be an even larger ensemble of unique, and yes, disturbing characters—both magical and human—that will take center stage in this story. But, most importantly, the stakes have been raised for our heroes, and a new form of dark magic is blanketing the land.

Will our heroes survive? You'll have to read to find out. However, one thing is certain—if you love magic, we hope you will join us for this all-new ride, because the destination is always unknown. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

In the meantime, enjoy these awesome character studies from series artist Vincenzo Cucca, we'll see you next issue!

—Vince Hernandez

Next Issue, the Magic Continues!

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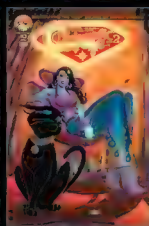
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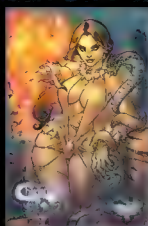
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THE ONSLAUGHT OF DARK MAGIC CONTINUED AS THE SHAMAN SERKÉ LED HIS ARMY FROM THE FURTHEST REACHES OF THE VOID INTO EARTH'S REALM-WITH THE HELP OF HECTOR AND ALLE. MEANWHILE, HANK, SUDANA AND SPARKLES FOUGHT THEIR WAY OUT OF LAS VEGAS BEFORE A SERPENTINE MONSTER DESTROYED THE ENTIRE CITY, AND VANISHED TO LOS ANGELES JUST IN TIME. HOWEVER, THE GROUP BROUGHT ALONG HANK'S AGENT AND FRIEND, KENNY, WHO QUICKLY COLLAPSED IN PAIN AFTER THEY VANISHED TO SAFETY...



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STATION.

THIS
DOESN'T
FEEL RIGHT,
ALLE.

HECTOR--
IF YOU'RE WORRIED
ABOUT RADIATION, I THINK
YOU NEED TO GET YOUR
PRIORITIES IN
ORDER.

IT'S NOT RADIATION
THAT WORRIES ME. I'M
NOT IGNORANT TO THE
FACT THAT WE HAVE
SOME FORM OF MAGIC
CONTROLLING US.

I MEAN, WHAT
WE'RE ABOUT
TO DO. I'VE HEARD
STORIES ABOUT
THIS THING...

WELL, THEN I AM
TRULY THANKFUL
TO BE IGNORANT TO SUCH
THINGS. I, FOR ONE,
AM EXCITED...

...I'VE
ALWAYS LOVED
SURPRISES.

NOT ME.

SSSSSSSSHHHHHHH!!!

CLINK

RRRUUMMMBLE

ROOOOAAAARRR!

WHAT
FOOLISH
BEING DARES
TO AWAKEN
ME?





SLEEP
TIME IS OVER--
TORGAN.

YOU HAVE
BEEN SUMMONED
TO FULFILL YOUR DUTY
TO YOUR MASTER
SERKE.



YOU?

YOU ARE
MINIONS OF SERKE?
MERE HUMAN, MORTAL
SCUM?



IT IS YOU WHO
ARE MISTAKEN, FELINE.
WE ARE NO HUMANS--
NOT ANYMORE. AND YOU
ARE TO COME WITH US
AT ONCE.

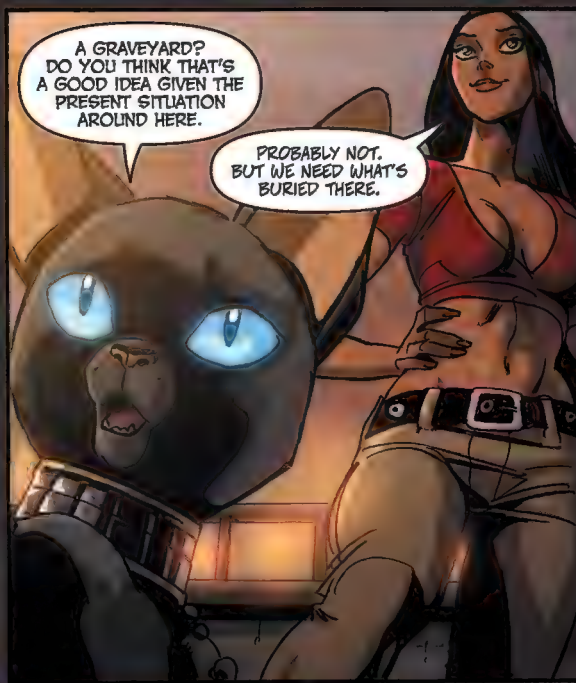


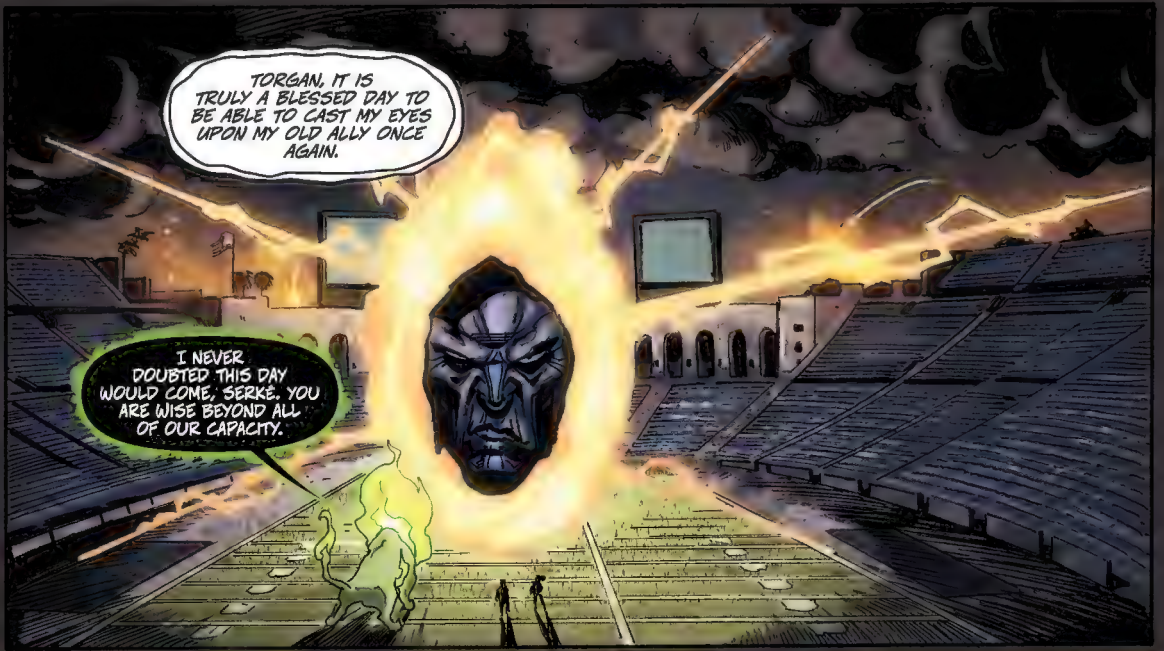
THEN SERKE
WAS CORRECT. OUR
DAY HAS FINALLY
COME.



YOU NEED TO
FIGHT THIS CURSE,
HECTOR. AND
QUICK.







TORGAN, IT IS TRULY A BLESSED DAY TO BE ABLE TO CAST MY EYES UPON MY OLD ALLY ONCE AGAIN.

I NEVER DOUBTED THIS DAY WOULD COME, SERKE. YOU ARE WISE BEYOND ALL OF OUR CAPACITY.



IT IS YOU WHO ARE WISE FOR RECOGNIZING AS SUCH. BUT, I HAVE SUMMONED YOU FOR A PURPOSE, ONE WHICH WILL ENSURE OUR INVASION WILL BE COMPLETE.



ANYTHING FOR THE RULER OF THE VOID.



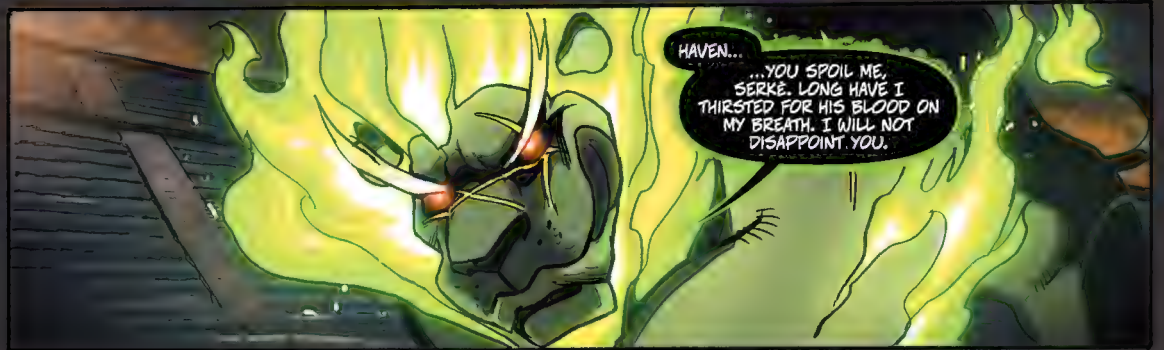
THE KITTY IS SUBSERVIENT AFTER ALL.

I WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RATTLE TORGAN'S CAGE, IF I WERE YOU.

OH, RELAX. WITH THE POWERS SURGING THROUGH ME I BET I COULD LEVEL HIM IN A HEARTBEAT. I CAN FEEL IT.



YOU MUST FIRST FIND AND TAKE THE KEY. YOU KNOW OF WHICH I SPEAK-- THEN YOUR PRIZE WILL BE HAVEN.

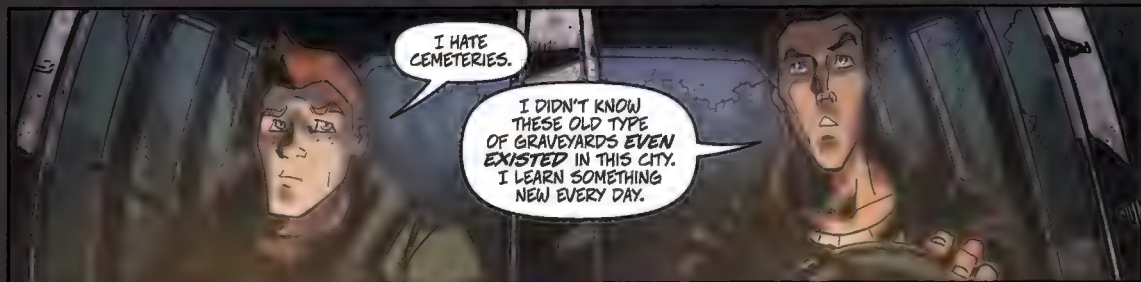


HAVEN...
...YOU SPOIL ME, SERKE. LONG HAVE I THIRSTED FOR HIS BLOOD ON MY BREATH. I WILL NOT DISAPPOINT YOU.



I STILL SAY
YOU COULD'VE
HOTWIRED US A
BETTER CAR.

I'LL KEEP
THAT IN MIND FOR
NEXT TIME.



I HATE
CEMETERIES.

I DIDN'T KNOW
THESE OLD TYPE
OF GRAVEYARDS EVEN
EXISTED IN THIS CITY.
I LEARN SOMETHING
NEW EVERY DAY.



SUDANA SAID
IT WAS ON THE
SOUTHEAST SIDE,
SO IT MUST BE
THIS WAY.

LET'S
GET THIS OVER
WITH FAST.



CAN I ASK YOU
SOMETHING?

OF
COURSE.
SHOOT.

WHAT DOES
IT FEEL LIKE? TO
HAVE MAGIC IN
YOU?

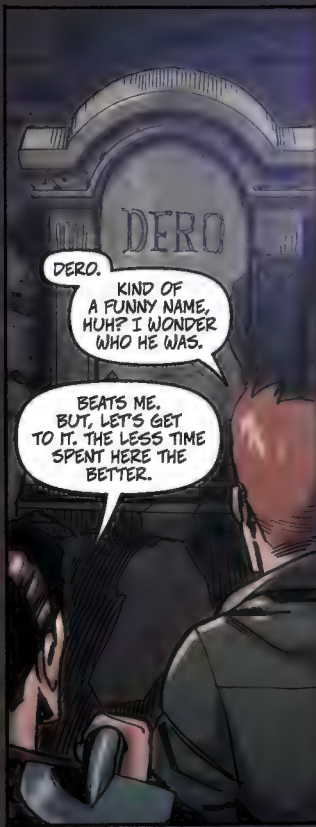


YOU KNOW...
IT DOESN'T REALLY FEEL
LIKE ANYTHING'S DIFFERENT AT
ALL. I ALWAYS KNEW I COULD
VANISH - THAT THERE WAS
SOMETHING DIFFERENT
ABOUT ME.

I GUESS NOW
I JUST KNOW WHAT THAT
IS. BUT, TRUST ME, I FEEL
FAR MORE HUMAN THAN
NOT MOST OF THE
TIME.



THIS IS IT.



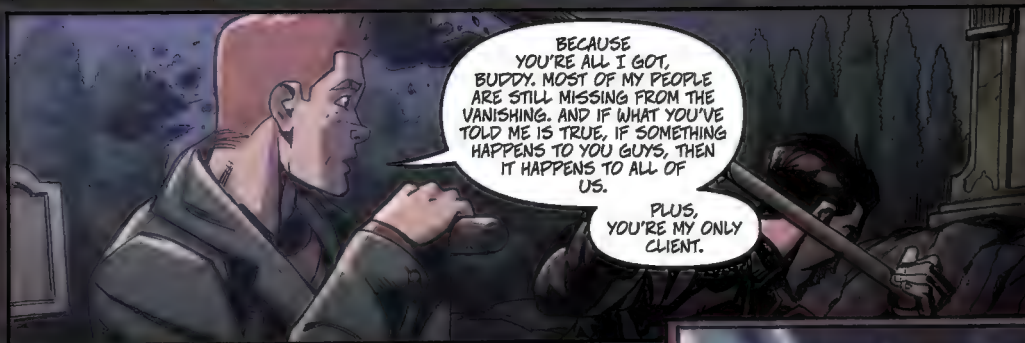
DERO.

KIND OF A FUNNY NAME, HUH? I WONDER WHO HE WAS.

BEATS ME. BUT, LET'S GET TO IT. THE LESS TIME SPENT HERE THE BETTER.

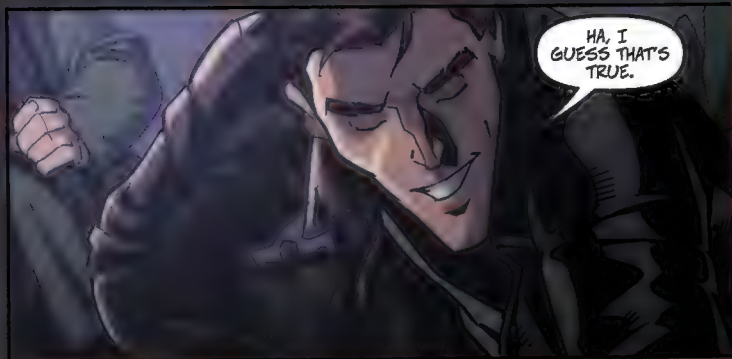


OKAY, NOW MY TURN. WHY ARE YOU HELPING US, KENNY? THIS IS MOST LIKELY ABOUT TO GET REALLY DANGEROUS FAST. WHY PUT YOURSELF ON THE LINE LIKE THAT?



BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL I GOT, BUDDY. MOST OF MY PEOPLE ARE STILL MISSING FROM THE VANISHING. AND IF WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME IS TRUE, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO YOU GUYS, THEN IT HAPPENS TO ALL OF US.

PLUS, YOU'RE MY ONLY CLIENT.



HA, I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

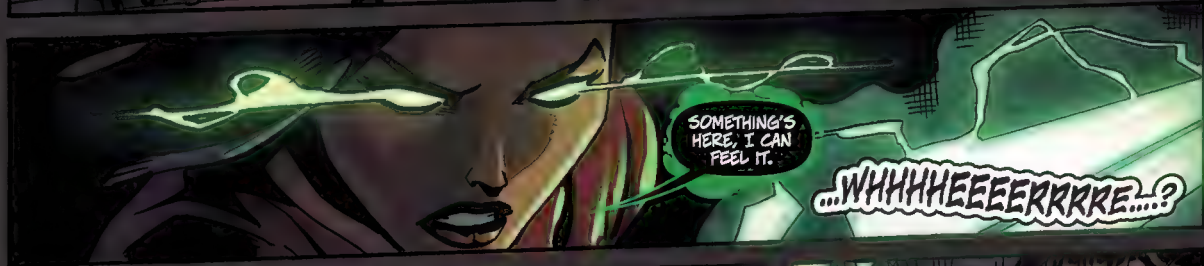


FOUND IT!



WELL, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH. HOW BAD CAN IT BE?

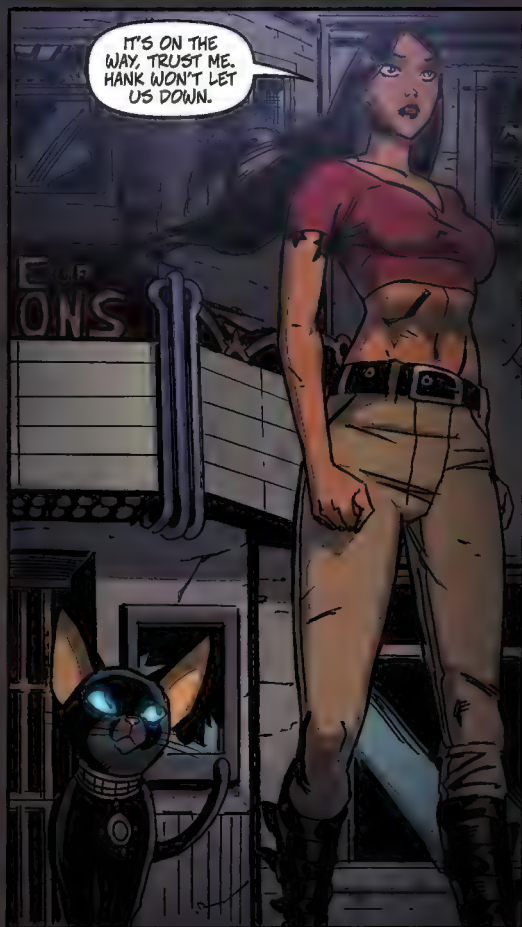
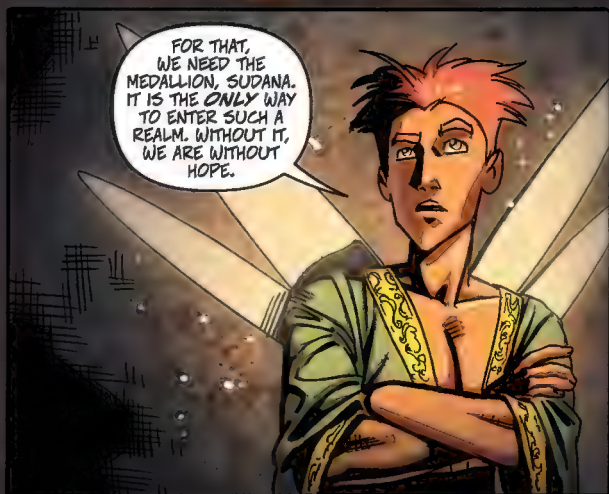
I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.





UM, SUDANA, I
THINK WE HAVE A
PROBLEM...

A BIG
PROBLEM!



LOUISIANA BAYOU.

DISGUSTING...

I'M
TOO OLD FOR
THIS.

SQUUUUUAAWWK!!!

EHMMPH?

FINALLY.

KNOCK
KNOCK

COUGH!
COUGH!

COUGH!

YOU
COME UNINVITED,
WIZARD.



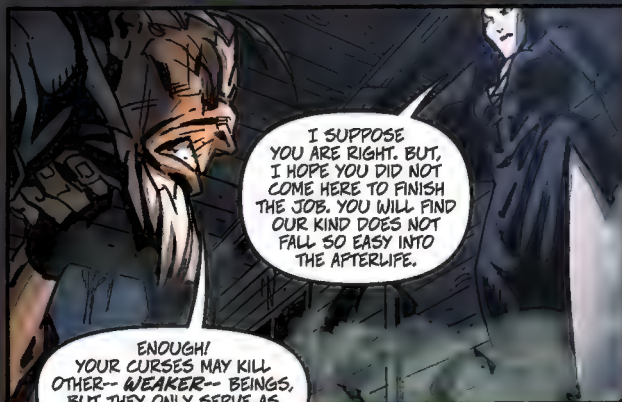
YOU SHOULD
HAVE CALLED
FIRST.

COUGH! PURA!
COUGH! COUGH!
ENOUGH!



YOUR PEOPLE
NEARLY KILLED US
AND YOU HAVE THE
NERVE TO TELL ME
TO QUIT?

YOU... WERE
ILL-ADVISED TO
TRUST SAMSON.
YOU KNOW
THAT!



I SUPPOSE
YOU ARE RIGHT. BUT,
I HOPE YOU DID NOT
COME HERE TO FINISH
THE JOB. YOU WILL FIND
OUR KIND DOES NOT
FALL SO EASY INTO
THE AFTERLIFE.

ENOUGH!
YOUR CURSES MAY KILL
OTHER-- WEAKER-- BEINGS,
BUT THEY ONLY SERVE AS
A MINOR IRRITATION
TO ME.



I COME HERE NOT
TO THREATEN YOU... BUT
TO CALL ON YOU FOR HELP.
OUR KIND FACES CERTAIN
ANNIHILATION. YOUR CURSE
MAY BE OUR ONLY
SALVATION!



...
YOU ASK FOR
MY HELP-- THIS
IS A SURPRISE.
INTERESTING...

DOWNTOWN
LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES
CIVIC CENTER

I DON'T
GET IT.

DON'T
TRY TO.

IT'S NEVER WHAT
YOU THINK IT WILL BE.
I'VE LEARNED THAT MUCH
ABOUT MAGIC.

I KNOW,
IT'S JUST ALL SO
MYSTERIOUS.

AND
DANGEROUS
AS WELL. DON'T
EVER FORGET
THAT.

YEAH...

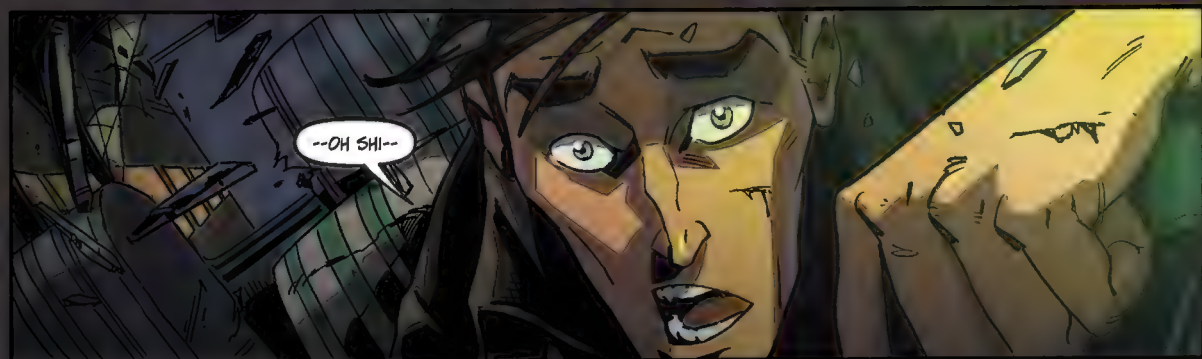
ABOUT THAT...

...LOOK OUT!



АHHHHHHH!!!

KRAASH





WHERE IS IT???



I THINK HE WANTS THE BOX!

WELL, THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN! WE NEED IT!

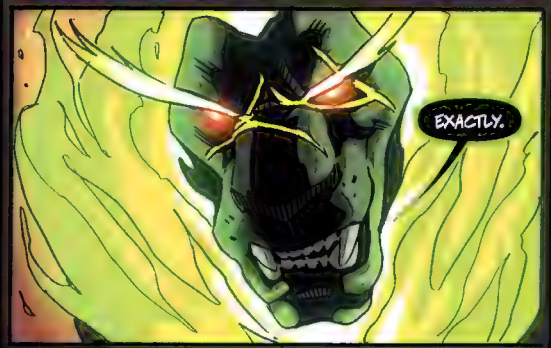


ROOOOAR!!



GIVE IT TO HIM!!!

NO WAY, OVER MY DEAD BODY!



EXACTLY.



SMASH

OOOOOH
SH@#%T!

A large speech bubble containing the sound effect "アハハハハハハハハハハ" (Ahahahahahaha) written vertically.

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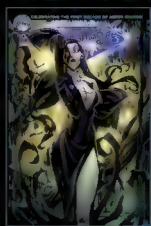


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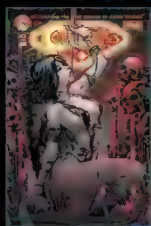
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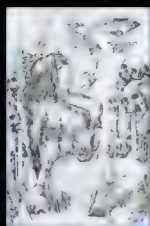




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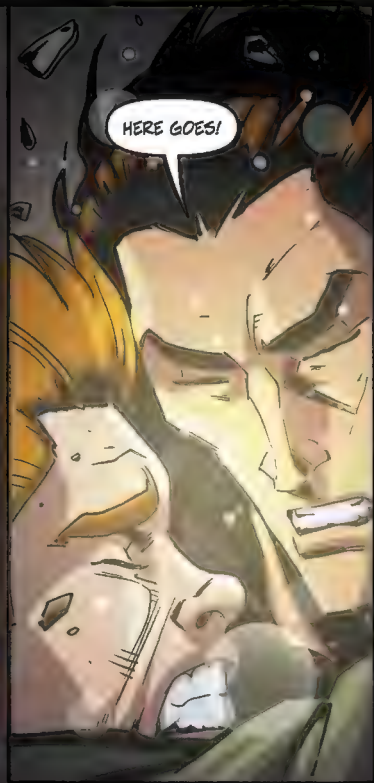
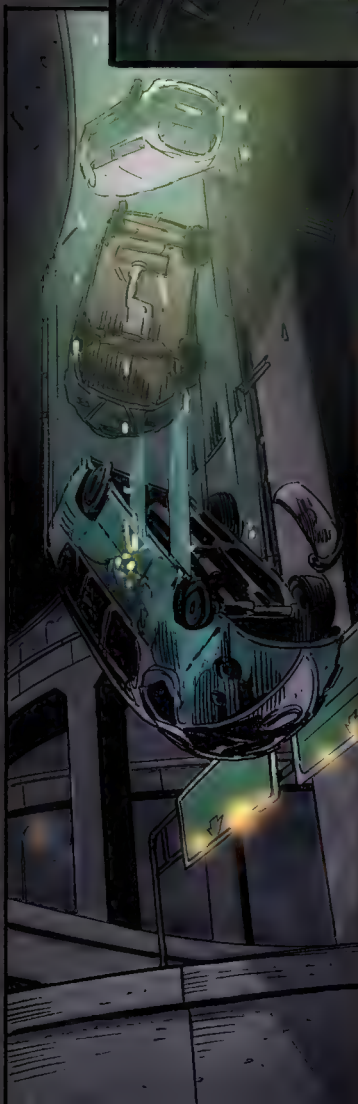
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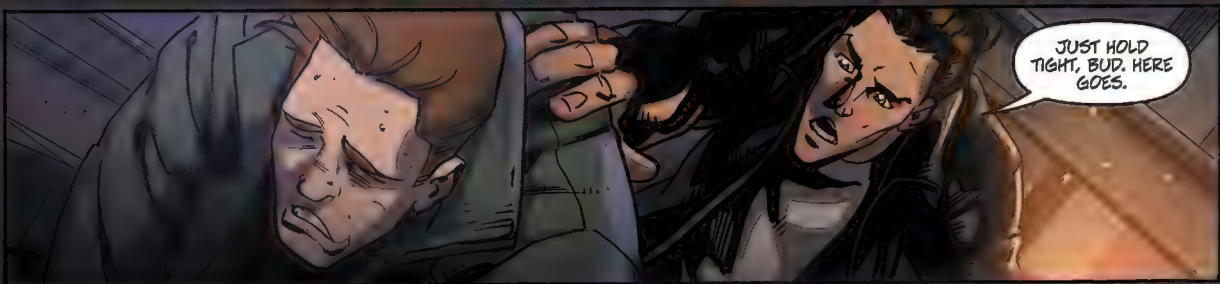
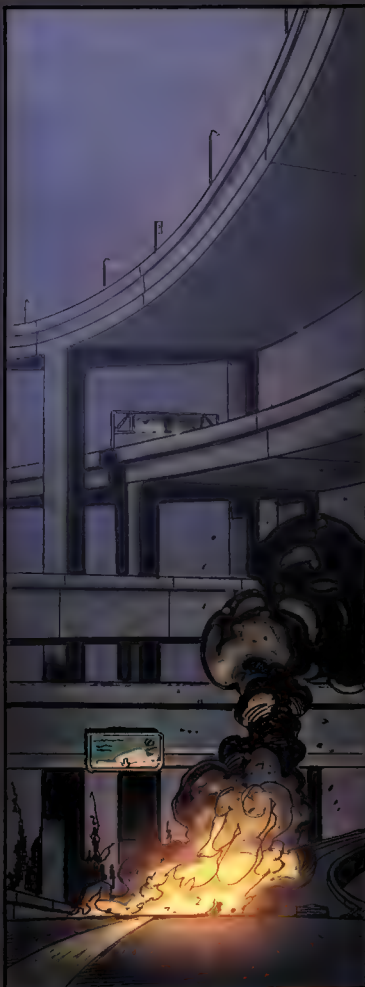
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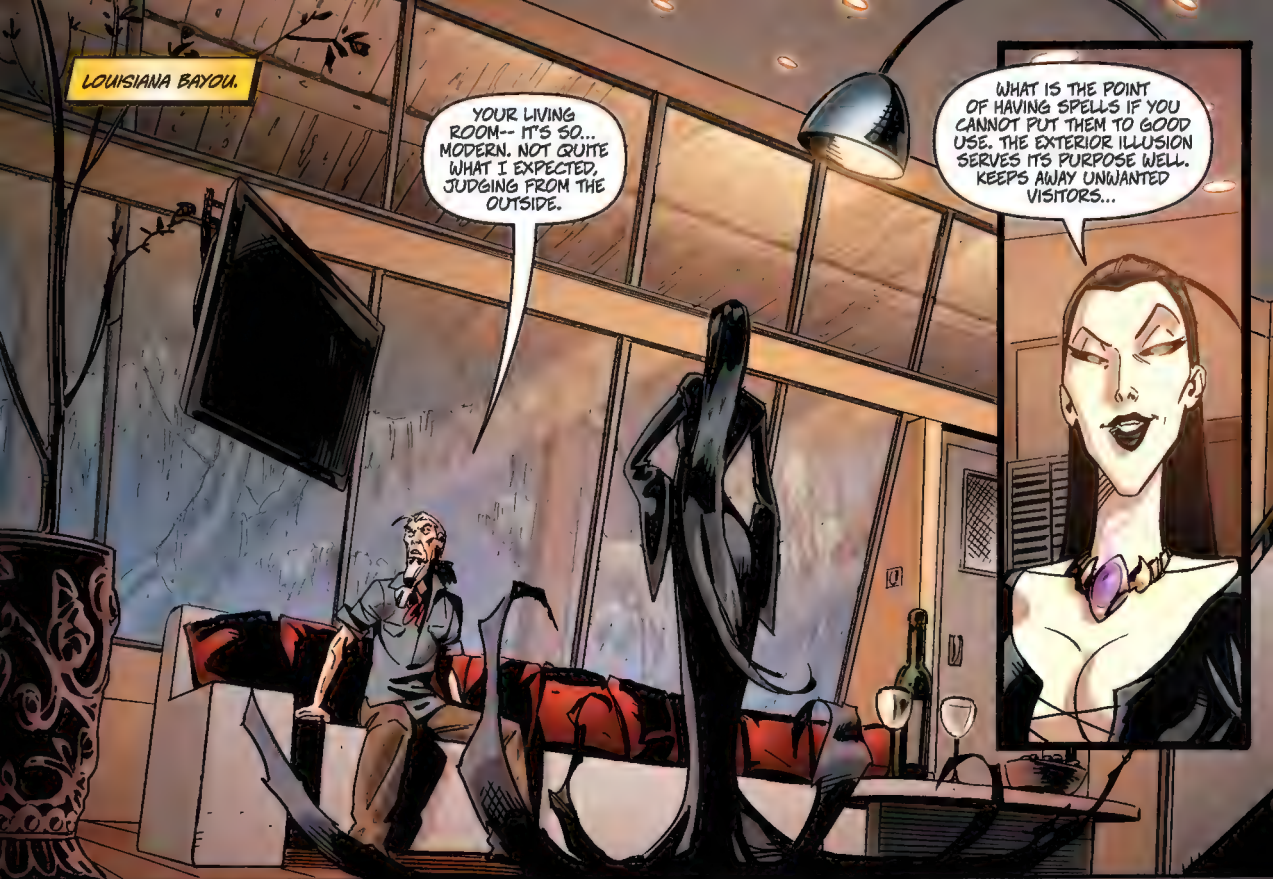
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LOUISIANA BAYOU.

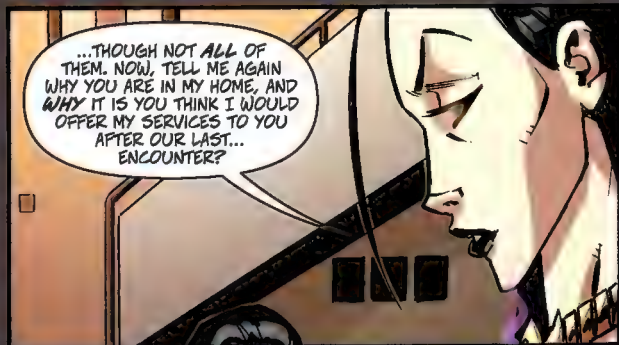
YOUR LIVING ROOM-- IT'S SO... MODERN. NOT QUITE WHAT I EXPECTED, JUDGING FROM THE OUTSIDE.

WHAT IS THE POINT OF HAVING SPELLS IF YOU CANNOT PUT THEM TO GOOD USE. THE EXTERIOR ILLUSION SERVES ITS PURPOSE WELL. KEEPS AWAY UNWANTED VISITORS...



...THOUGH NOT ALL OF THEM. NOW, TELL ME AGAIN WHY YOU ARE IN MY HOME, AND WHY IT IS YOU THINK I WOULD OFFER MY SERVICES TO YOU AFTER OUR LAST... ENCOUNTER?

BECAUSE, LIKE ME, YOU WERE PULLED INTO THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE UNDER DURESS. IT WAS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL.



DURESS? YOU DO KNOW WE SOUGHT OUT SAMSUN FIRST, CORRECT? IN ORDER...



...TO KILL YOU.



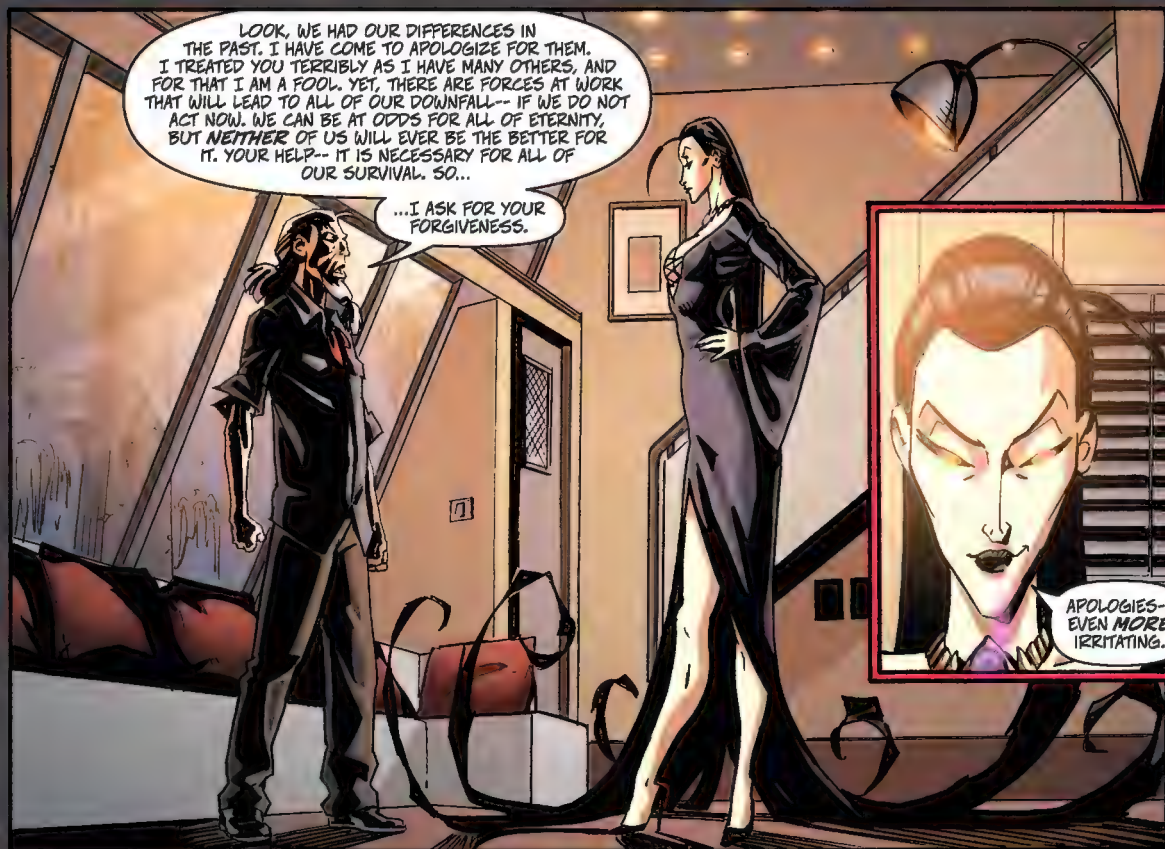


PLEASE.

YOU WERE NOT THE FIRST TO TRY. YOU WILL **NOT** BE THE LAST. YOU WANTED TO TAKE ME OUT, AND THEN KILL **SAMSUN** AFTER HE DID ALL THE WORK, AM I CORRECT?



ALL-KNOWING WIZARDS... SUCH AN IRRITANT.



LOOK, WE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES IN THE PAST. I HAVE COME TO APOLOGIZE FOR THEM. I TREATED YOU TERRIBLY AS I HAVE MANY OTHERS, AND FOR THAT I AM A FOOL. YET, THERE ARE FORCES AT WORK THAT WILL LEAD TO ALL OF OUR DOWNFALL-- IF WE DO NOT ACT NOW. WE CAN BE AT ODDS FOR ALL OF ETERNITY, BUT **NEITHER** OF US WILL EVER BE THE BETTER FOR IT. YOUR HELP-- IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL OF OUR SURVIVAL. SO...

...I ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS.

APOLOGIES-- EVEN MORE IRRITATING.



I MAY NOT FULLY TRUST YOU, BUT I DO HOWEVER TRUST THAT YOU WOULD NOT BE HERE IF NOT FOR A GRAVE OCCURRENCE. YET, I **AM** NO FOOL EITHER, AND FOR SUCH A REQUEST OF FORGIVENESS-- AND MY SERVICES-- I MUST ASK OF YOU SOMETHING IN RETURN...



...I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME **SAMSUN**.



THEY'RE
BACK!

AND
NEVER FELT
WORSE.

HEY, GIRLS.
GOOD TO SEE YOU
AGAIN. MAN, DO WE
HAVE A STORY TO
TELL--

--WHAT...
EXACTLY...
HAPPENED
HERE?



THE PLACE
HAD A BIT OF A PEST
CONTROL PROBLEM, BUT
THAT'S ALL TAKEN
CARE OF.

YES--



--WE
SHOWED
THEM!



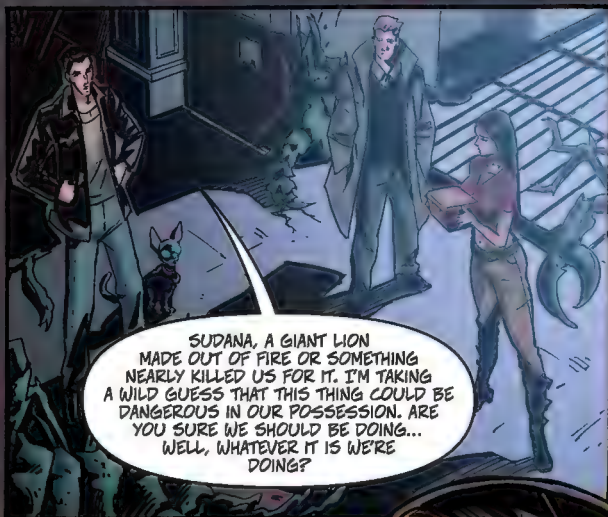
GAH! DAMN
BUGS!

WHOO--



HANK
NO-- HE'S NOT
A BUG!

HE?
WHAT IS THAT
THING?!





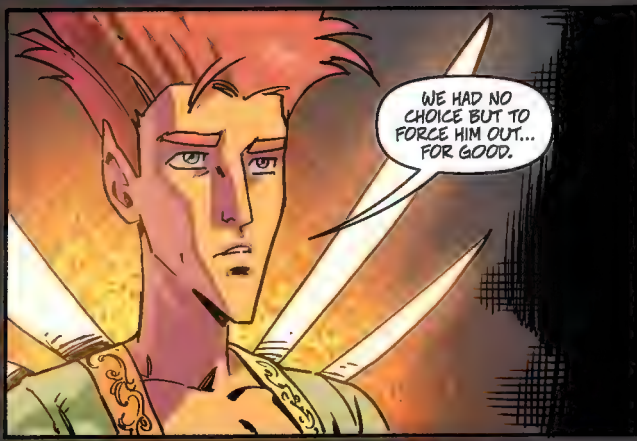
TORGAN
WANTS ME
DEAD AT ALL
COSTS.

HAVEN--
WHY?



BECAUSE I
HELPED GET HIM
EXILED FROM THE
REALM. MANY LIFE
CYCLES AGO.

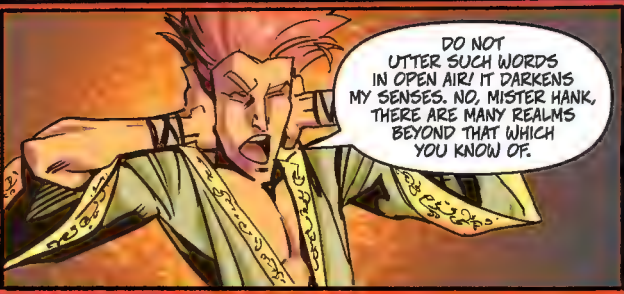
TORGAN
WAS ONCE AN
ACOLYTE OF GOOD.
A LOYAL SOLDIER TO
THE REALM'S PURPOSE.
BUT, OVER TIME, HIS
MAGIC BECAME...
CORRUPTED.



WE HAD NO
CHOICE BUT TO
FORCE HIM OUT...
FOR GOOD.



ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT THE
VOID REALM?



DO NOT
UTTER SUCH WORDS
IN OPEN AIR! IT DARKENS
MY SENSES. NO, MISTER HANK,
THERE ARE MANY REALMS
BEYOND THAT WHICH
YOU KNOW OF.



IT IS
TIME YOU
SHARED WHAT IS
IN THE BOX,
SUDANA.



THIS TRAP ROOM WAS BUILT FOR VANISHING ACTS. HANK, SUDANA TELLS ME YOU ARE A MAGICIAN. SURELY YOU KNOW OF THESE?

IT HAS SERVED MANY PURPOSES IN ITS DAY BEYOND ACTS. IT IS SECURE. NOT IMPENETRABLE BUT IT WILL HAVE TO DO, AS TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

WELL, MY ACT DIDN'T REQUIRE ME TO HIDE MUCH. BUT, I DO KNOW OF THEM. THIS SEEMS SO MUCH MORE FOREBODING, THOUGH.



WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUR CHANCES. HAVEN-- WOULD YOU DO THE HONORS?



WITH PLEASURE. IT HAS BEEN MANY CYCLES SINCE I HAVE SEEN HOME...



I HAVE WAITED FOR AN ETERNITY IT SEEMS...



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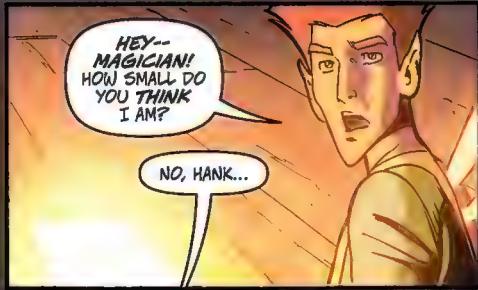


...AND NOW THE DOOR IS OPEN ONCE MORE!





I DON'T GET IT. I MEAN I GET IT. THERE'S A TINY DOOR ON THE GOLD COIN. BUT, I DON'T GET HOW ANYONE BESIDES HAVEN WILL FIT THROUGH IT.



HEY-- MAGICIAN! HOW SMALL DO YOU THINK I AM?

NO, HANK...



YOU NEED TO VANISH US THROUGH THE DOOR AND INTO THE REALM.



C'MON NOW. I'M NOT A SUPERHERO OR SOMETHING! THIS IS TOO MUCH.

NO, IT'S NOT. YOU CAN DO THIS. OUR SIZE IS ONLY A STATE OF MIND, RELEVANT TO OUR PERSPECTIVE AND OUR SURROUNDINGS. IN HERE IT WON'T MATTER. THIS COIN HOLDS THE DEPTH OF AN ENTIRE WORLD INSIDE IT. ONCE THERE, YOU WILL SEE THE TRUTH TO MY WORDS.

DON'T YOU TRUST ME BY NOW?



OF COURSE I DO. ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT. LET ME JUST FOCUS.



WHAT ABOUT KENNY?



IT'S OKAY HANK. THIS IS WHERE I HANG BACK. I WOULDN'T SURVIVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I KNOW IT. I CAN WAIT FOR YOU GUYS HERE. KEEP THE COIN SAFE.





WELCOME...
TO THE GOLDEN
REALM.

WOW.

AMAZING.

FINALLY.



THE GOLDEN REALM, WOW. AND HERE I THOUGHT WE'D ALL BE SHRUNK DOWN TO THE SIZE OF GRASS.

I CAN SEE WHY THEY CALL IT "GOLDEN."

I TOLD YOU TO TRUST ME.



NO HANK. IT REFERS TO THE AGE WHEN THIS CITY WAS FORGED-- WHEN IT THRIVED, NOT ANY PRECIOUS METAL IT MAY CONTAIN. THERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN THIS REALM WAS THE PINNACLE OF MAGIC. WHERE THE FINEST OF OUR KIND GATHERED TO CHART THE COURSE OF OUR COLLECTIVE PATHS.

NOW, IT IS REFERRED TO IN NAME ONLY. THAT AGE HAS LONG PASSED.



HEY, WHAT'S **THAT** UP THERE?

THAT--

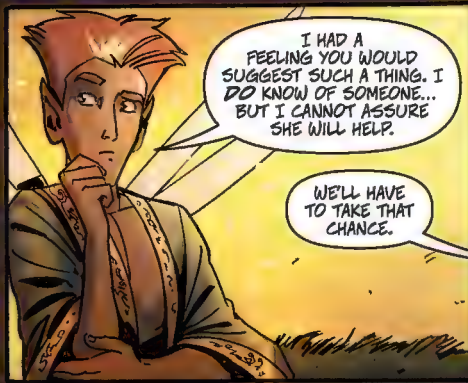


--MY FELINE FRIEND, IS THE **COMMUNE**. WHERE ALL MAGICAL INHABITANTS ARE FORCED TO REGISTER THEIR IDENTITIES ACCORDING TO THE IDENTITY ACT.



"FORCED?" I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.

YES, HAVEN. I **DON'T** WANT HANK REGISTERING. I'LL... I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT CAN HELP US REMAIN UNDETECTED?



I HAD A FEELING YOU WOULD SUGGEST SUCH A THING. I **DO** KNOW OF SOMEONE... BUT I CANNOT ASSURE SHE WILL HELP.

WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THAT CHANCE.



THEN WE
MUST HEAD THAT
WAY. TO THE SKY
CROSSING.



ALL THE
WAY UP THERE?
HOW DO YOU GET
UP THERE?



WE
TAKE A PLANE
OR SOMETHING,
SPARKLES, OF
COURSE...



WRONG.

...RIGHT?

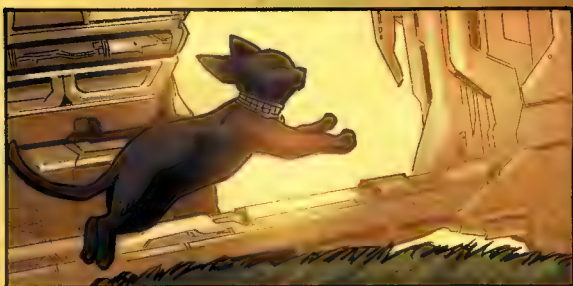
SO WRONG.



YOU ARE STILL
THINKING LIKE AN
EARTHLING, MAGICIAN.
REALIZE THIS IS NOT
EARTH, AND WE ARE
NOT BOUND BY THE
LAWS OF THEIR
GRAVITY.



SUDANA--
CARE TO SHOW
THEM..?





CAN YOU
GUYS... HEAR ME,
IN THERE?



OF COURSE
THEY CAN'T. DON'T BE
PARANOID, KENNY.



ROOOOAR!!

OKAY--
BE PARANOID.
WHAT THE HELL!



STAY CALM.
IT'S PROBABLY
JUST THE GANG
OPENING SOME
PORTAL BACK
TO HERE.

SMASH



OH, FORGET
THIS!





...THERE WILL BE
PLENTY OF TIME FOR
BLOODSHED...

...NOW
THAT I AM
HOME.

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THE GROUP LED BY HAVEN ENTERED THE GOLDEN REALM, AND MUCH TO THEIR SURPRISE, HANK AND SPARKLES DISCOVERED THE LAW OF GRAVITY NO LONGER APPLIES TO THEM. MEANWHILE, KENNY, STAYING BACK ON EARTH TO PROTECT THE COIN OF DERO, IS AMBUSHED BY TORGAN, ALONG WITH SERKÉ, WHO HAS RETURNED TO EARTH AFTER COUNTLESS CENTURIES...



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THE GOLDEN RELM.

SO,
WHERE ARE WE
HEADED?

TO SEE A
FRIEND, MAGICIAN.
OR MORE APPROPRIATELY--
SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE
TO HELP US ESCAPE THE
EVER-PRESENT EYES OF
THE GOLDEN HALL.

PLEASE, CALL
ME HANK.

MY
FRIENDS
DO.

DON'T GET
SENTIMENTAL ON
ME. WE'RE MAGICAL.
REMEMBER. ALWAYS
BEST TO FIRST
RESERVE YOUR
TRUST...

...HANK.

YOU'RE
TAKING US TO
SEE PERIAP I
THOUGHT YOU TWO
HAD A FALLING
OUT?

WELL...?

STOP
VISIONING.
IT WEIRDS
ME OUT.

MAYBE I
AM. HOWEVER, I
SUGGEST YOU
KEEP UP!

HEY-- NO
FAIR, HE'S GOT
WINGS!



IT HAS BEEN THOUSANDS OF YEARS SINCE I HAVE TOOK IN THE PRECIOUS AIR OF EARTH. TELL ME HUMAN-- WHY HAS YOUR KIND POLLUTED IT SO? IT FEELS FAR LESS PURE.

PLEASE! LET ME GO! I'M JUST A HUMAN. I MEAN YOU NO HARM!



HARM US? WE WILL SHOW YOU REAL PAIN!

DOWN, BEAST.



HUMAN, TORGAN WILL EAT YOU IF YOU DO NOT CEASE TO QUIVER. YOU WERE SEEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MAGICIAN. REVEAL TO US THE MEANING OF YOUR INTENTION AND WE MAY ALLOW YOUR MUNDANE EXISTENCE TO CONTINUE.

I DON'T KNOW! REALLY. THEY DIDN'T TELL ME THAT FAR AHEAD.



LIES! YOU FOUND THE COIN OF DEED! YOU HELPED THEM ESCAPE TO THE GOLDEN REALM!



IF YOU... UNSH... ALREADY KNOW, THEN WHY ARE YOU ASKING?!

BECAUSE, KENNY--



--WE WANT
TO HEAR YOU
SAY IT.

ALLE! HECTOR!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING HERE?
I'M SO HAPPY TO
SEE YOU--



SHUT YOUR
MOUTH!

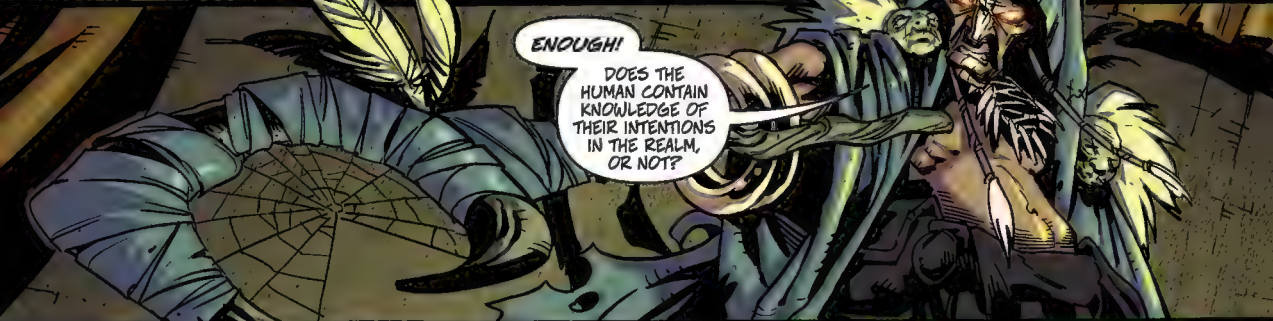
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
YOU'RE NOT HERE
TO HELP?

OF COURSE
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY
UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE JUST A
HUMAN. WORSE YET YOU'RE
AN AGENT. THE WORST
KIND OF HUMAN.



HECTOR...

SORRY,
KENNY. I CAN'T...
I CAN'T STOP IT. I
CAN'T CONTROL
MY--



ENOUGH!

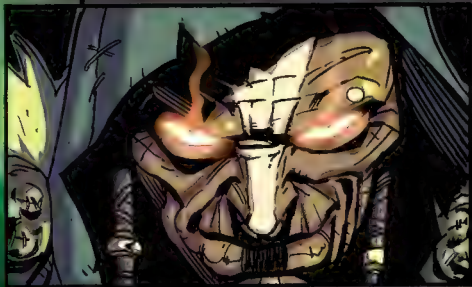
DOES THE
HUMAN CONTAIN
KNOWLEDGE OF
THEIR INTENTIONS
IN THE REALM,
OR NOT?



NOT.
HE
CAN'T HELP
US.

WHAT???
NOOO!!!

ROOOOAR!!



YOU TWO--
TAKE THE BEAST INTO
THE GOLDEN REALM. HE WILL
LEAD YOU TO THEM. TRUST HIS
KEEN SENSES, BUT NONE OF THE
INHABITANTS. THEY SHARE NO
HONOR, AS WE IN THE VOID
POSSESS.

YES, MASTER.



THIS WAY.

HOWEVER,
ALLOW TORGAN
TO FINISH HIS
MEAL FIRST.





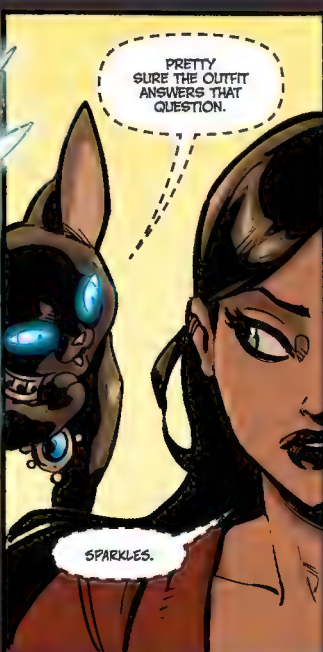
YOU JERK!

KRAK

AHHH!

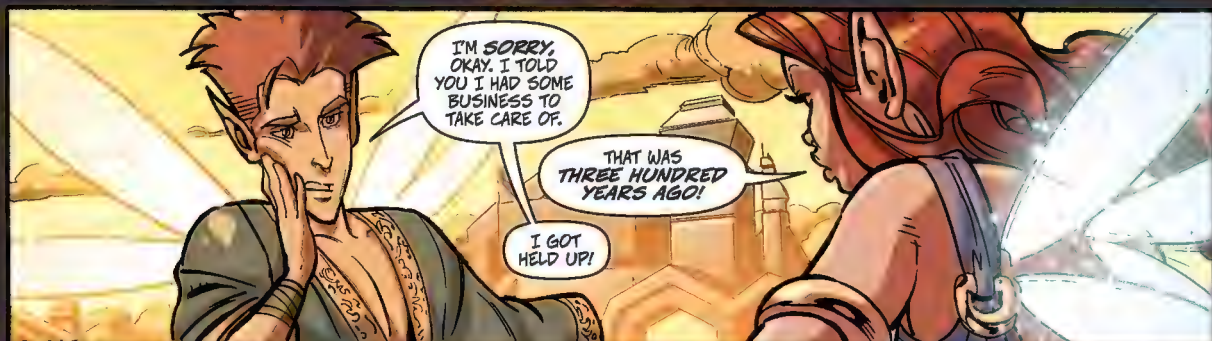


YOU THINK YOU CAN USE ME WHENEVER YOU WANT AND THEN LEAVE? DO I LOOK LIKE SOME CHEAP PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN DISCARD AT WILL?!



PRETTY SURE THE OUTFIT ANSWERS THAT QUESTION.

SPARKLES.



I'M SORRY, OKAY. I TOLD YOU I HAD SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.

THAT WAS THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!

I GOT HELD UP!



WHOA. WAIT A SEC. ARE YOU SAYING YOU TWO HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR THREE CENTURIES?

GIVE OR TAKE. BUT, I'VE MATURED A LOT SINCE 2812.



WHAT... DID YOU JUST SAY?



WHAT?
THAT WAS THE
YEAR I LEFT.
2812.



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN 2812?
WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?

HANK--

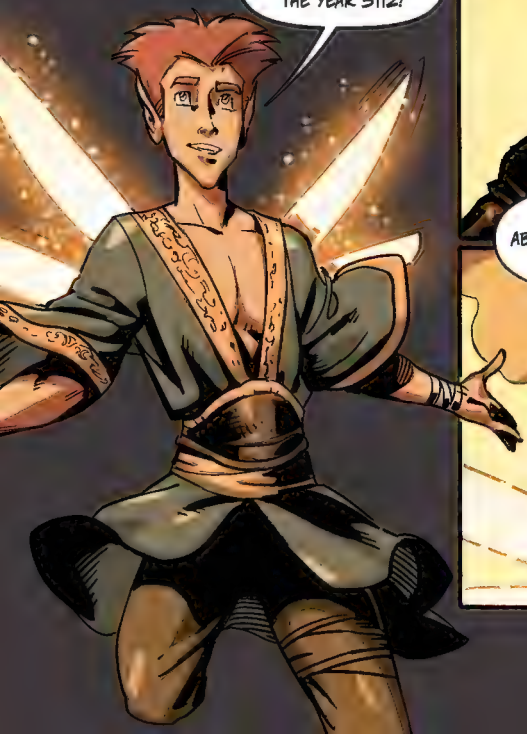


OH, RIGHT. I FORGOT.
WELL, YOU SEE, NOT *ONLY*
IS THIS REALM FREE FROM YOUR
ARCHAIC LAWS OF GRAVITY. WE ARE
ALSO QUITE FURTHER ALONG
WHEN IT COMES TO THE
MATTER OF... TIME.

I DON'T
GET IT.

OF COURSE
YOU DON'T, HANK.
BECAUSE--

--YOU ARE FROM
THE YEAR 2013.
AND THIS-- *THIS* IS
THE YEAR 3112!



ARE YOU
SAYING... I CAN
VANISH THROUGH
TIME?

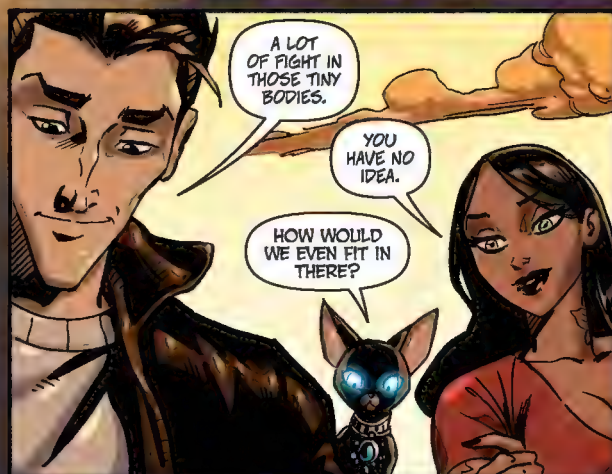
SO COOOOL.

YOU STILL
HAVE A LOT TO LEARN
ABOUT MAGIC, HANK. DIFFERENT
REALMS HAVE DIFFERENT
AGE CYCLES.

IT DOES NOT
MEAN YOU CAN GO BACK
IN TIME AND CHANGE
THE PRESENT.

LEST OUR CURRENT
PREDICAMENT HERE WOULD
BE FAR SIMPLER, I MIGHT
ADD.

EVERYONE
LOVES REMINDING
ME HOW MUCH I HAVE
TO LEARN ABOUT
MAGIC.





...YOU ARE
TRESPASSING IN
OUR REALM.

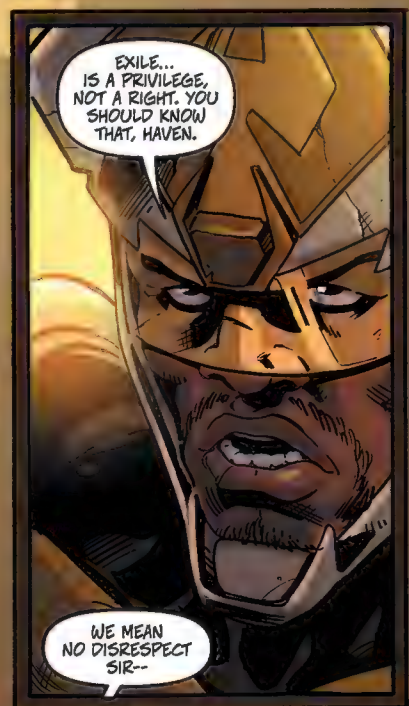


THE GOLDEN
GUARDIANS!

I'M
NOT WITH
THEM!

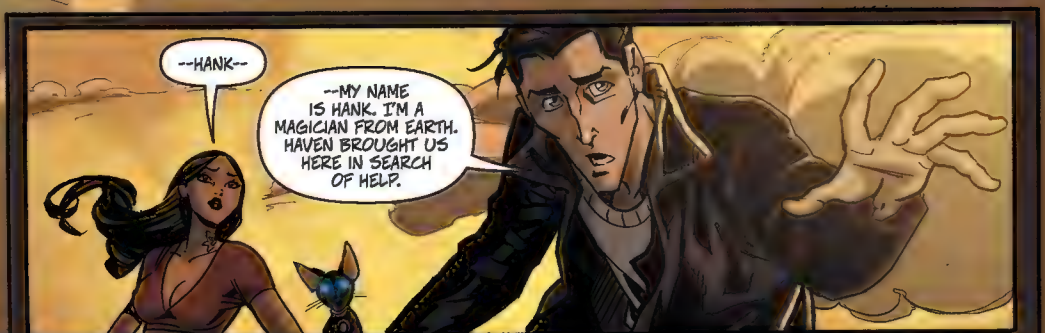
THANKS,
FOR THAT.

WE
INTEND NO
DANGER TO THE
REALM, CAPTAIN.
WE ONLY SEEK
EXILE FROM
THEIRS.



EXILE...
IS A PRIVILEGE,
NOT A RIGHT. YOU
SHOULD KNOW
THAT, HAVEN.

WE MEAN
NO DISRESPECT
SIR--



--HANK--

--MY NAME
IS HANK. I'M A
MAGICIAN FROM EARTH.
HAVEN BROUGHT US
HERE IN SEARCH
OF HELP.



A MAGICIAN?



HEY!

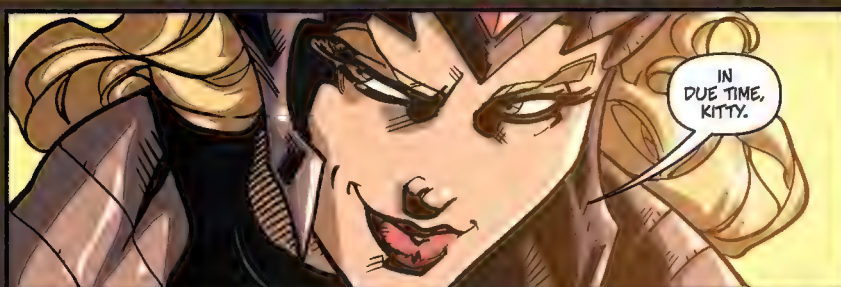
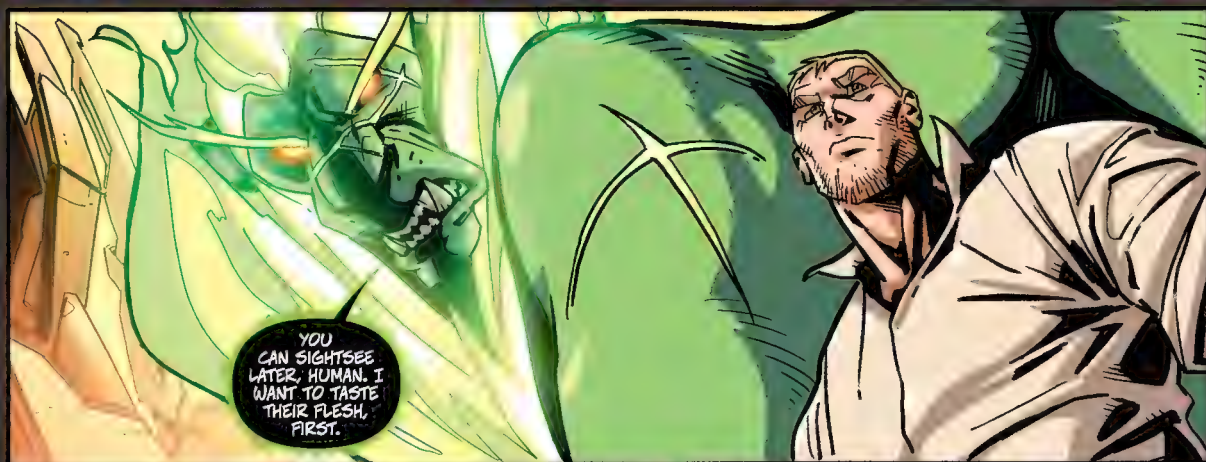
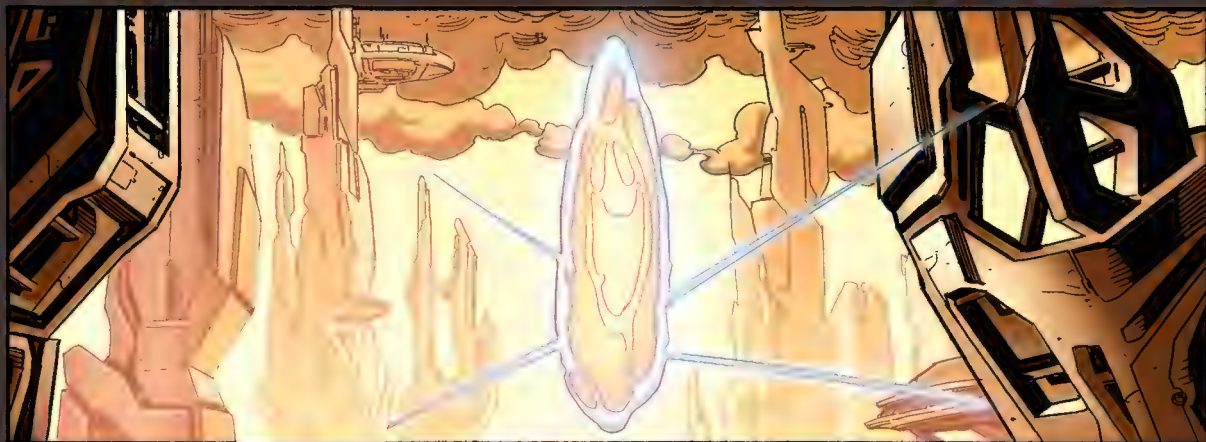
YOU'RE
COMING WITH ME TO
THE COMMUNE!

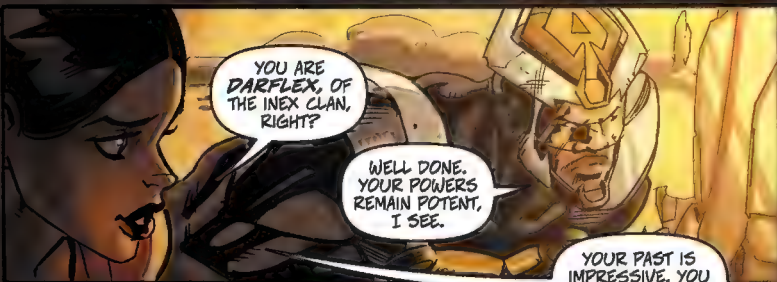
HANK!



IT'S OKAY,
SPARKLES.

THIS IS
PART OF THE
PLAN.







THE GOLDEN HALL.

IS THAT A GIANT THRONE?



REMAIN HERE.

REST ASSURED, DARFLEX. WE DO NOT INTEND TO CAUSE TROUBLE.



I SEE SHA LUX IS NO WORSE FOR WEAR THESE DAYS.

THE LEADER OF THE REALM REQUIRES NO LESS THAN PERFECTION.

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE GOLDENITE.



THAT IS WHAT HE IS, SUDANA.

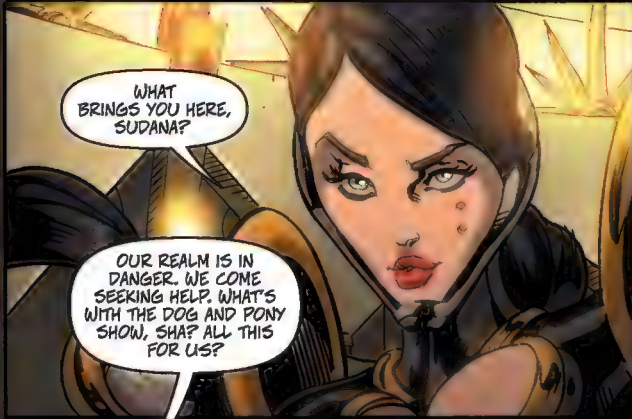
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE HEARD THAT VOICE.

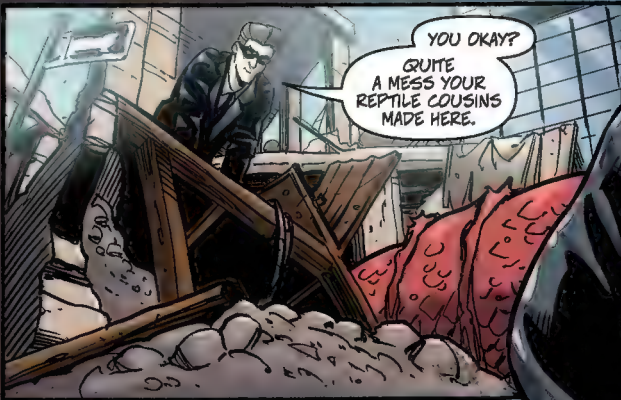
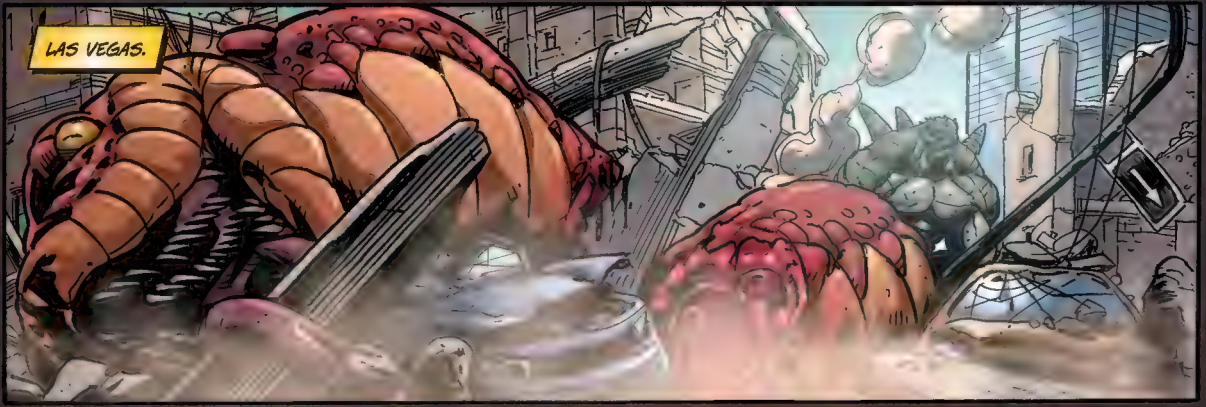


SUCH DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU CONSIDER A LONG TIME.

AS FOR ME, IT
SEEMS LIKE JUST
YESTERDAY.







COSTA RICA.

SMASH

MY HOMELAND,
MUCH HAS CHANGED,
YET YOUR BEAUTY REMAINS
CONSISTENT WITH MY
MEMORIES.

AS WELL
AS MY DISDAIN
FOR IT.

THE TIME HAS
COME FOR A NEW
RECKONING...



...A
NEW LORD
FOR THIS LAND.
THE ONE TRUE
LORD.



KRASSHH

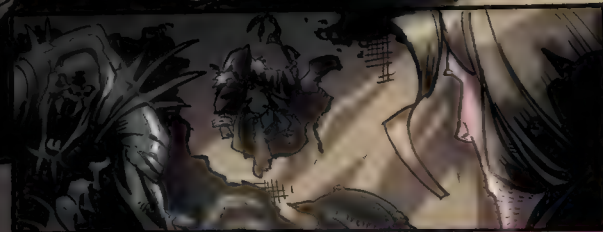
GONE
AWAY ON SOME
ILL-FATED ATTEMPT
TO GATHER YOUR ALLIES,
I IMAGINE. YOU NEVER
COULD SOLVE YOUR
CONFLICTS WITHOUT
THEM.



YET, I HAVE
INDEED LEARNED FROM
YOUR WEAKNESS...



...I HAVE
RELENTED TO
THE POWER OF
LIKE MIND.





...SAMSUN.
MY ONE
TRUE ALLY.

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MANKIND HAS VANISHED...

INSIDE THE GOLDEN REALM, THE GROUP IS TAKEN INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE GOLDEN GUARDIANS AND THEIR QUEEN RULER, SHA LUX. HOWEVER, THEIR VISIT IS CUT DRAMATICALLY SHORT BY SHA LUX'S DECREE THAT SPARKLES MUST BE KILLED ACCORDING TO LAW. MEANWHILE, SERKÉ BREAKS INTO KON'S TEMPLE WHILE THE WIZARD IS AWAY RECRUITING ALLIES, AND THE SHAMAN FREES ONE OF HIS MOST DANGEROUS PRISONERS—THE EXILED SAMSUN...



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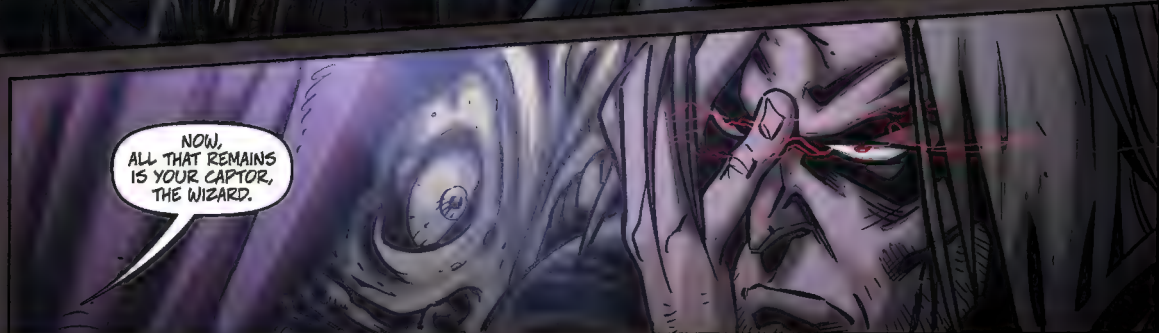
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SAMSUN...

...THROUGH
YOUR ACTIONS, WE
HAVE MADE A REALITY
OF OUR FUTURE. AND
RELINGUISHED THE
DARKNESS OF OUR
PAST.



NOW,
ALL THAT REMAINS
IS YOUR CAPTOR,
THE WIZARD.



SAMSUN...?

HE IS
WEAKENED. THE WALL OF
SOULS WILL REAP ANY MAN'S
DEEPEST VULNERABILITIES. YOU
SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN
MOST ABOUT CAPTIVITY,
SERKE--

THUD



...I WILL
NOT ALLOW YOU
TO RETURN TO A WORLD
THAT HAS LEFT YOU
BEHIND.



FAR TOO
LATE FOR THAT, OLD
FRIEND. IT IS A MOMENT
OF REUNION,
I SEE.

MY MOST RECENT
CONFIDANT-- INDISPOSED AT
THE MOMENT, UNFORTUNATELY--
AND MY ANCIENT, COWARDLY ALLY
ALL IN THE SAME DOMINION,
AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT.

WITH A SPELL-
CASTER NO LESS.
I AM HONORED TO BE
PROVIDED SUCH A
WELCOMING.



YOU ARE MUCH
SHORTER THAN I
IMAGINED. THE TALES
EXAGGERATE YOUR
STATURE.



A THOUSAND
YEARS IN THE VOID WILL
DO AS SUCH. HOWEVER,
THE WHISPERS OF *YOUR*
LOOKS HAVE NOT BEEN
STRETCHED TO THEIR
LIMITS, I SEE.

ENOUGH!



I ALREADY
GROW TIRED OF
YOUR VOICE, ALONG WITH
YOUR ATTEMPTS TO
POISON ALL THOSE
AROUND YOU!

IF I HAVE
LEARNED ONE THING
AFTER THOUSANDS OF
YEARS-- IT IS THAT I
SHOULD HAVE KILLED
YOU WHEN I HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY!



DO NOT LET
TIME SERVE AS
YOUR EXCUSE-- AT
LEAST NOT BEFORE
I AM THROUGH
WITH YOU!

THE GOLDEN HALL.

YOU HEARD ME-- THE FELINE MUST DIE.

WHAT? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

YOUR MAJESTY, PLEASE.

ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME?

SHA LUX, YOU MUST BE KIDDING. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? SPARKLES IS WITH US-- SHE IS ONE OF US.

MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU LAST FLEW THE SKIES OF THE REALM, SUDANA. THE BEAST TORGAN AND HIS KIN SAW TO THAT. THEIR ATTEMPTS TO END US ALL WITH THEIR RAGE-- AND UNBRIDLED HATE-- FORCED OUR HAND. FORCED US TO ADOPT A NEW SET OF RULES FOR THE KINGDOM.

AND I WILL NOT ALLOW ANOTHER OF HIS KIND TO DILUTE THE PURITY OF OUR LANDS, AND OUR PEOPLE.

DARFLEX-- SEIZE THE CAT.



YES, YOUR GRACE.



DARFLEX--
MOVE ANOTHER
INCH CLOSER--

--AND
THERE WILL
BE NO TURNING
BACK FOR BOTH
OF US.



DARFLEX, YOU
WOULD DIE FOR
AN ANIMAL?

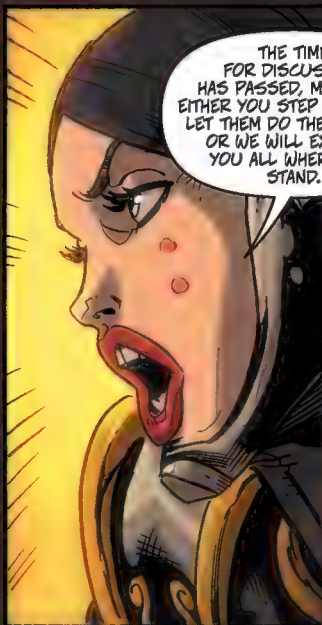
IN A HEARTBEAT.
WILL YOU DO THE
SAME FOR A FOOLISH
LAW, AND A FOOLISH
QUEEN?

I CANNOT
ALLOW YOU
TO SPEAK OF HER
MAJESTY IN SUCH
A BLASPHEMOUS
MANNER.

HEY--
EVERYONE!

CAN'T WE
JUST TAKE THIS
DOWN A NOTCH?
THERE'S GOTTA BE
A WAY TO TALK
THIS OUT?





THE TIME FOR DISCUSSION HAS PASSED, MAGICIAN! EITHER YOU STEP ASIDE AND LET THEM DO THEIR TASK-- OR WE WILL EXECUTE YOU ALL WHERE YOU STAND.



HEY!

NO VANISHING FOR YOU. UNLESS YOU WANT ME KILLING YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE.



WAIT! STOP! SHA LUX YOU MISINTERPRET OUR INTENTION!



HANK! HAVEN!

NNNNGHH!

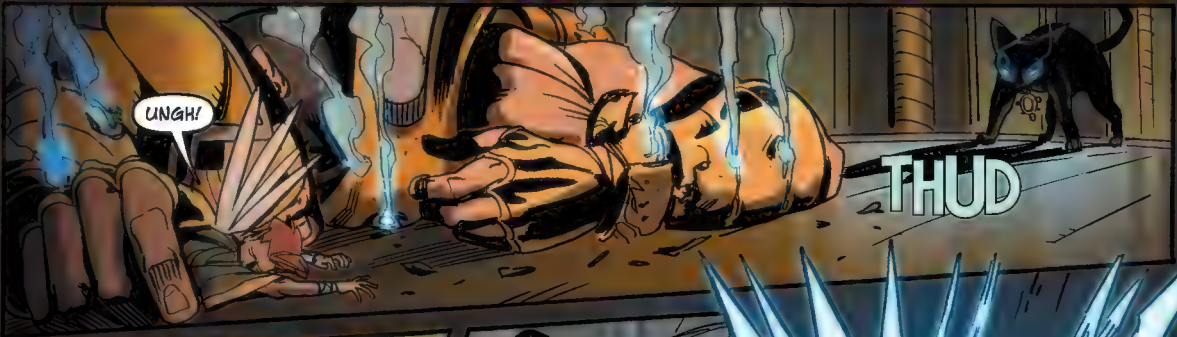
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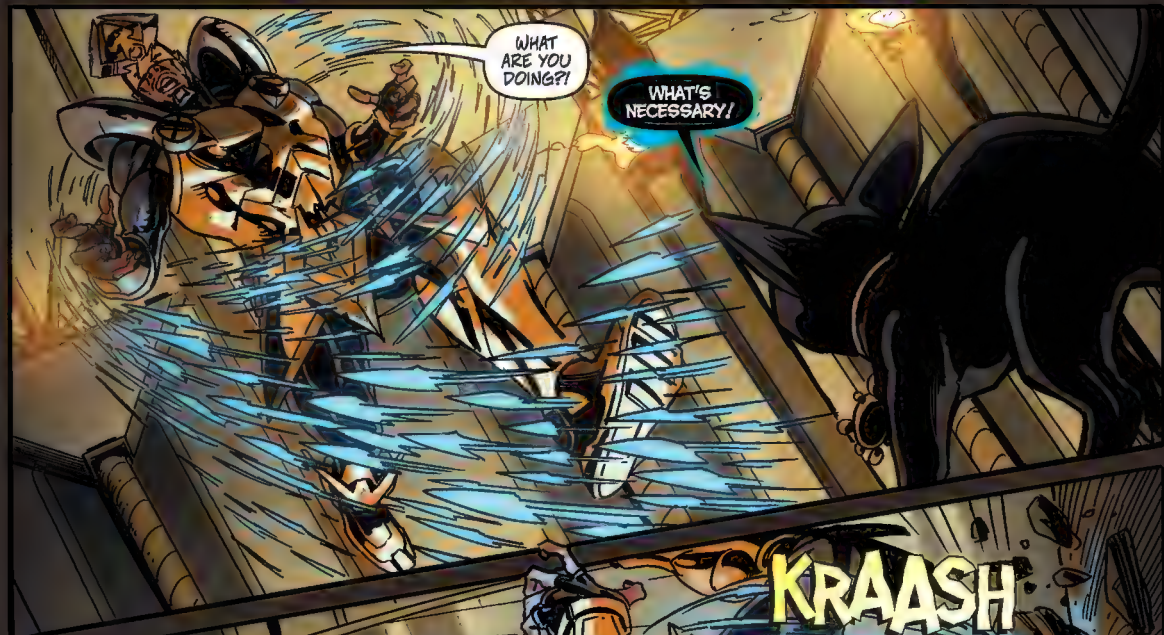


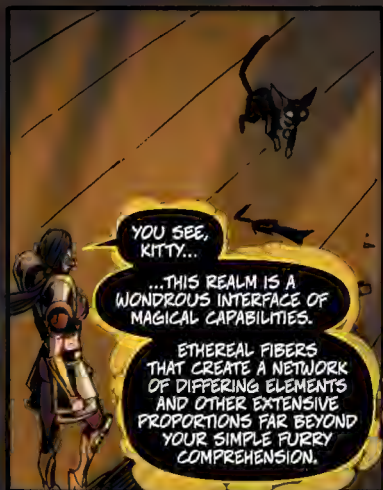
APOLOGIES, SUDANA, IT IS MY DUTY TO THE LAW!

SUDANA!

THAT'S IT!
YOU WANT SOME--









AND DO NOT
GET ANY IDEAS, DRUID.
MY MIND IS SHARPER
THAN EVER.

NNNNHHHH!

LET ME
GO!

IN DUE
TIME.

YOU
BROUGHT THIS ON
YOURSELF, ALL OF YOU.
I WAS CONTENT TO MERELY
SACRIFICE THE CAT, BUT
YOU HAD TO MAKE
THIS PERSONAL.



YOUR SYMBOLS ARE
USELESS. THEY WILL NOT
HELP YOU. STOP FIGHTING
IT, SERIOUSLY.

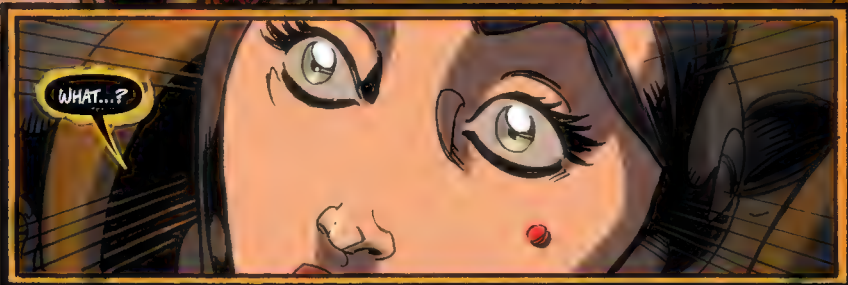
WHY
ARE YOU DOING
THIS?! THE REALM
USED TO BE A PLACE
OF TOLERANCE.
OF JUSTICE.



DO NOT
CONCERN YOURSELF
WITH BROKEN MEMORIES.
IT IS THE PRESENT YOU
SHOULD BE WORRIED
ABOUT.

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

...?



WHAT...?

ROOOOOAAAARRR!

UNNNNGGGHHH!

SLAM

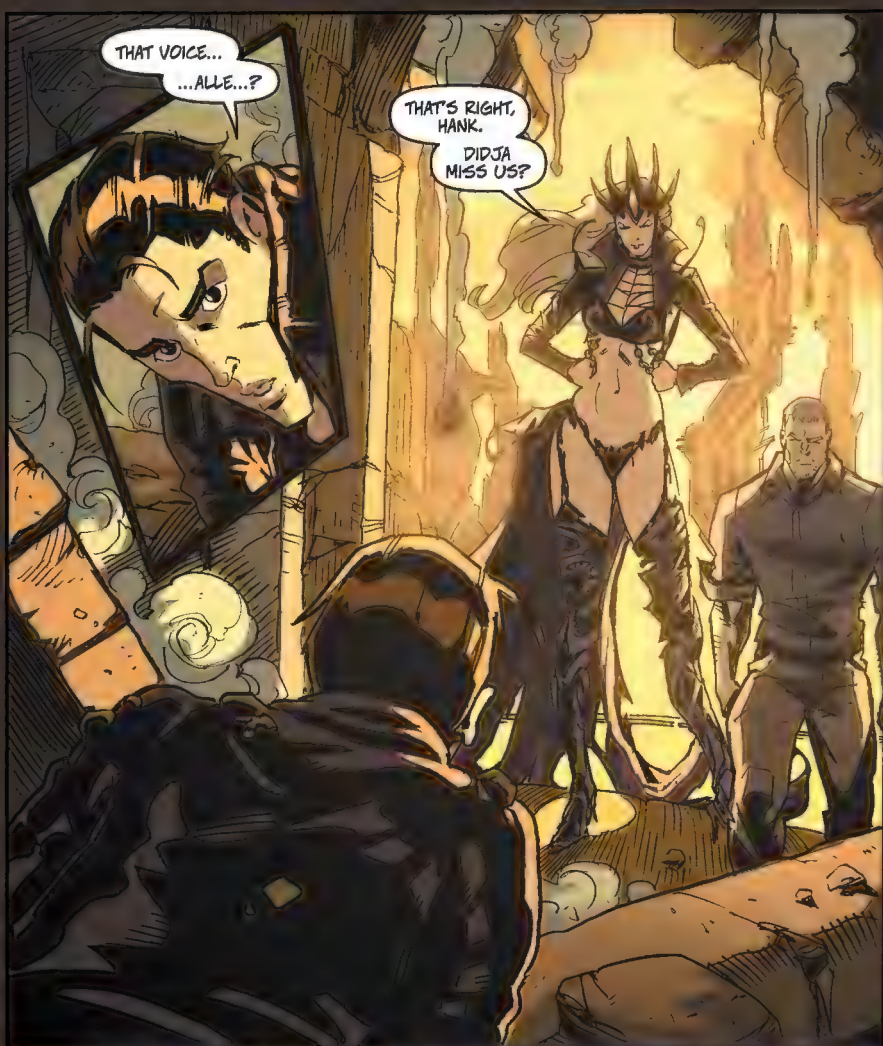
OHNNNNH...

...MY HEAD...

WHA...
WHAT IS GOING
ON?

OH, NO!

OH, YES...



THAT VOICE...
...ALLE...?

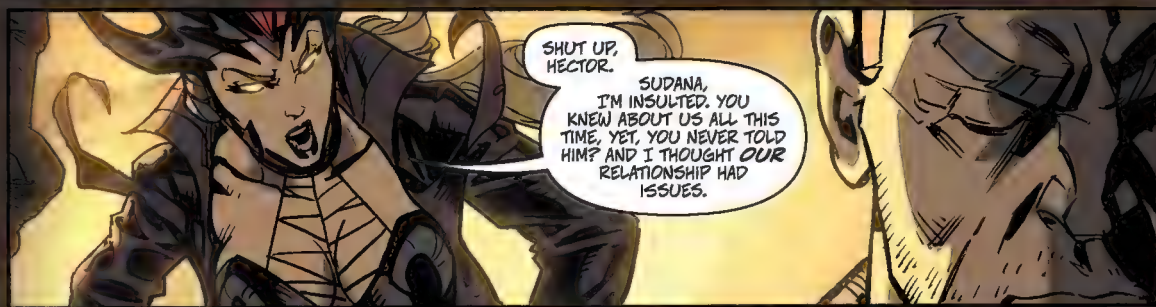
THAT'S RIGHT,
HANK.
DIDJA
MISS US?



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

AND HECTOR?
DID YOU BRING HER
HERE? WHY WOULD YOU
DO THAT? HOW CAN
YOU DO THAT?

HANK...I--



SHUT UP,
HECTOR.

SUDANA,
I'M INSULTED. YOU
KNEW ABOUT US ALL THIS
TIME, YET, YOU NEVER TOLD
HIM? AND I THOUGHT OUR
RELATIONSHIP HAD
ISSUES.



WHAT ARE
THEY TALKING
ABOUT? WHAT
DID YOU KNOW?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

I'M SORRY,
HANK.

SORRY FOR
WHAT?





RAAAAWWR!

LET ME GO!

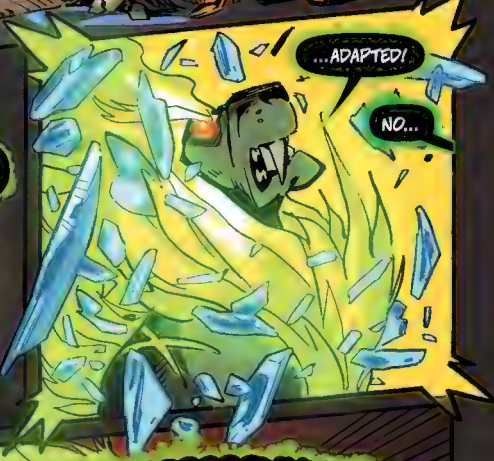


YOU WILL DIE FOR THIS INSULT! FOOLISH BEAST— HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED A CENTURY AGO!



ROOOOOOAAAAARRR!!!

I... NNNNGGGHHHH... HAVE NOT... NNGGHHH... FORGOTTEN, I HAVE...



...ADAPTED!

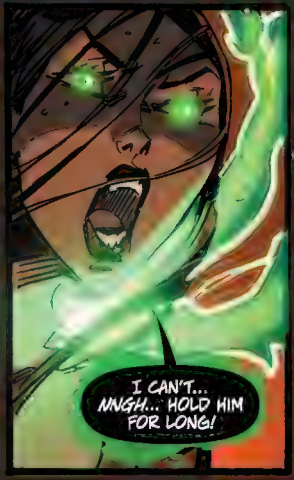
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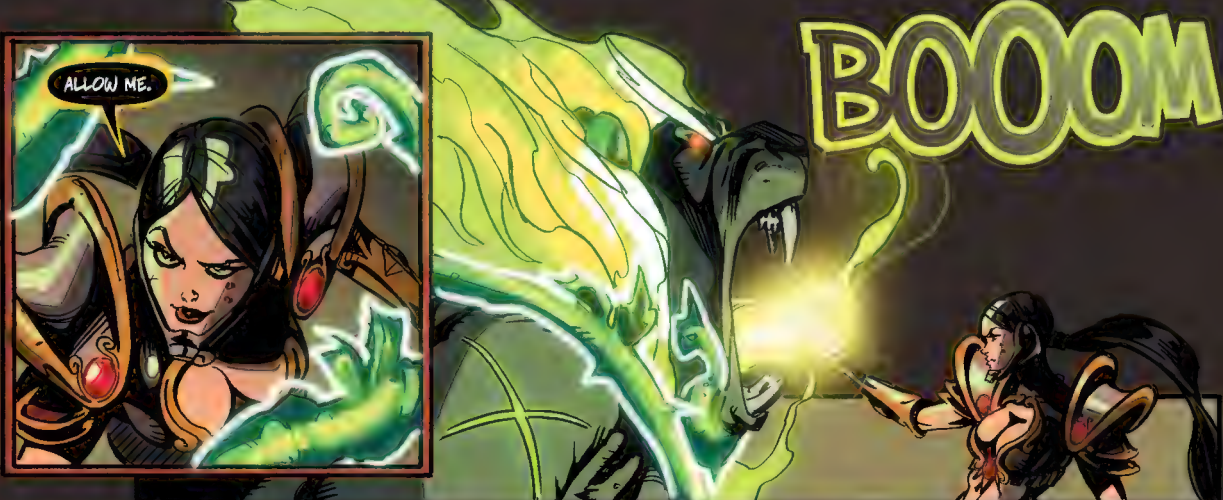
GRRRRROOOOWWWWWLL!



I DON'T THINK SO!



I CAN'T... ANGH... HOLD HIM FOR LONG!



ALLOW ME.

BOOOM



AAAAARRRRGGGGGGGHHHHHHH!!!!



THHHHHUUUNK



I WARNED YOU OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF RETURNING, YOU VILE CREATURE.



WELL PLAYED...
...BUT, I HAVEN'T SHOWN YOU MY TRICK YET. YOU SEE, I NOW HAVE A MAGICAL ABILITY OF MY OWN. BUT, IT'S NOT REALLY WHAT I CAN DO--



...BUT WHAT
I BRING TO
THE PARTY.



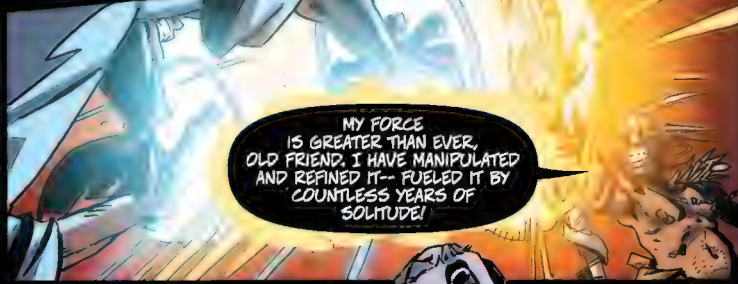
GIVE IT UP, SERKE.



I WILL NEVER CEASE TO DEFEY YOUR REIGN OF OPPRESSION UPON ALL OF US!



HRAAH!



MY FORCE IS GREATER THAN EVER, OLD FRIEND. I HAVE MANIPULATED AND REFINED IT-- FUELED IT BY COUNTLESS YEARS OF SOLITUDE!



NO--



--HNNNH!

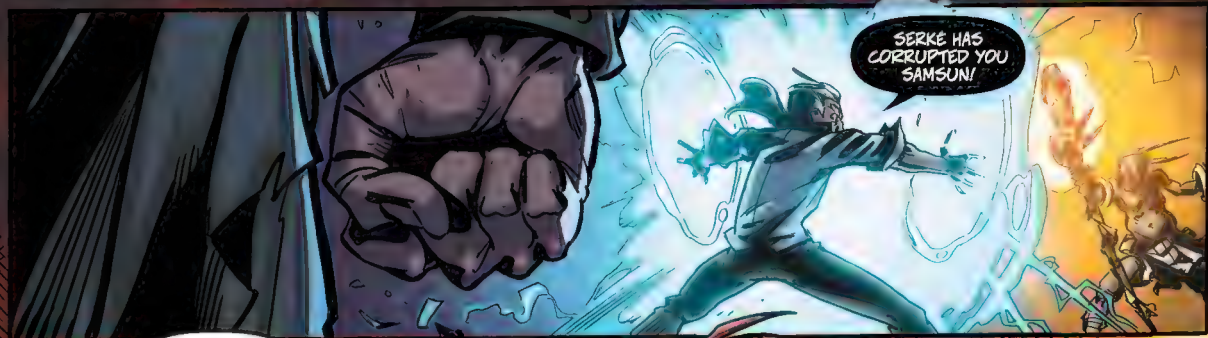
I TOLD YOU ONE DAY I WOULD SHUT YOUR MOUTH FOR YOU.



YOUR MAGIC IS FOUL, HOWEVER, I WOULD NOT POISON MY OWN BODY AS SUCH.



THE ODDS DO NOT FAVOR YOU, KON, WHEN YOUR ALLIES ARE NO MORE.



SERKE HAS CORRUPTED YOU SAMSUN!



AND HE WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.

HOWEVER, FIRST THINGS FIR--



--AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!



YES, FIRST THINGS FIRST...



...TIME TO
TAKE BACK WHAT
IS MINE.

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PREVIOUSLY...

SHA LUX ATTEMPTED TO ENFORCE HER LAW UPON THE GROUP BY TRYING TO KILL SPARKLES, BUT A SURPRISE ATTACK BY TORGAN, ALLE AND HECTOR DIVERTED HER INTENT, AS THE GOLDEN HALL CRUMBLING AROUND THEM. MEANWHILE, IN THE WIZARD KON'S TEMPLE, SERKÉ MANAGED TO FREE SAMSON FROM THE WALL OF SOULS, BUT NOT BEFORE KON AND DURA RETURNED TO END THEIR RESCUE. HOWEVER, THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED WHEN THE UNEXPECTED RETURN OF ORLANA--THE DEATH PRINCESS--TIPPED THE SCALES IN THE SHAMAN'S FAVOR...



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• Reign of Terror •

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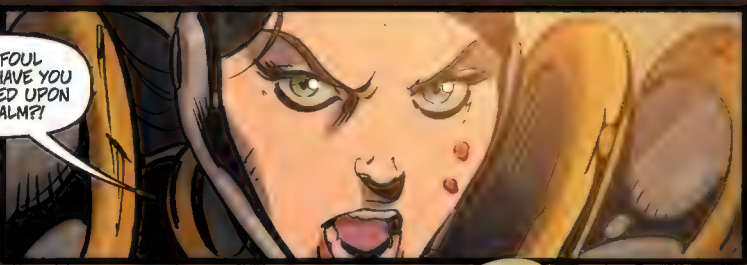
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TERROR HAVE YOU
UNLEASHED UPON
MY REALM?



WHAT?
I THOUGHT THIS
WAS SHOW AND TELL
TIMES WE SAW WHAT YOU
CAN DO-- NOW IT'S
OUR TURN.

IT CERTAINLY
FEELS RIGHT
TO ME!

ALLE...
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
WHAT WE DID TO
KENNY--



KENNY...
NO! TELL ME YOU
DIDN'T--

I'M SO
SORRY, HANK, THAT
I COULDN'T... I'M
SORRY.



AHH! DAMMIT!

SUDANA!

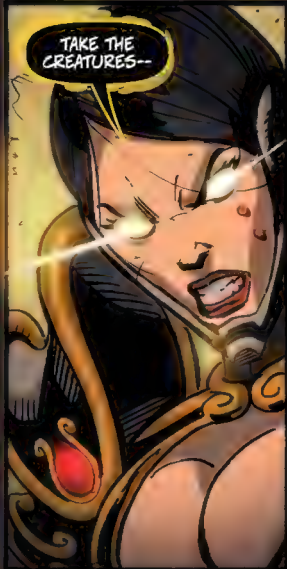


GRRRRRRR!

CRAP!



NOW--
DO YOU WANNA
WORK WITH US,
OR AGAINST
US?



TAKE THE
CREATURES--



--LEAVE
HER TO
ME!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME WE HAD THIS LITTLE
FACE-TO-FACE. DON'T YA THINK?
CONSIDERING YOU STOLE
MY BOYFRIEND
AND ALL...

IS THAT
WHAT THIS IS ALL
ABOUT?!

PLEASE--
DON'T STROKE HANK'S
EGO. JEALOUSY ISN'T REALLY
MY THING. AND HE'S NOT WORTH
IT. TRUST ME, HE'LL BREAK YOUR
HEART SOON ENOUGH,
DON'T WORRY.

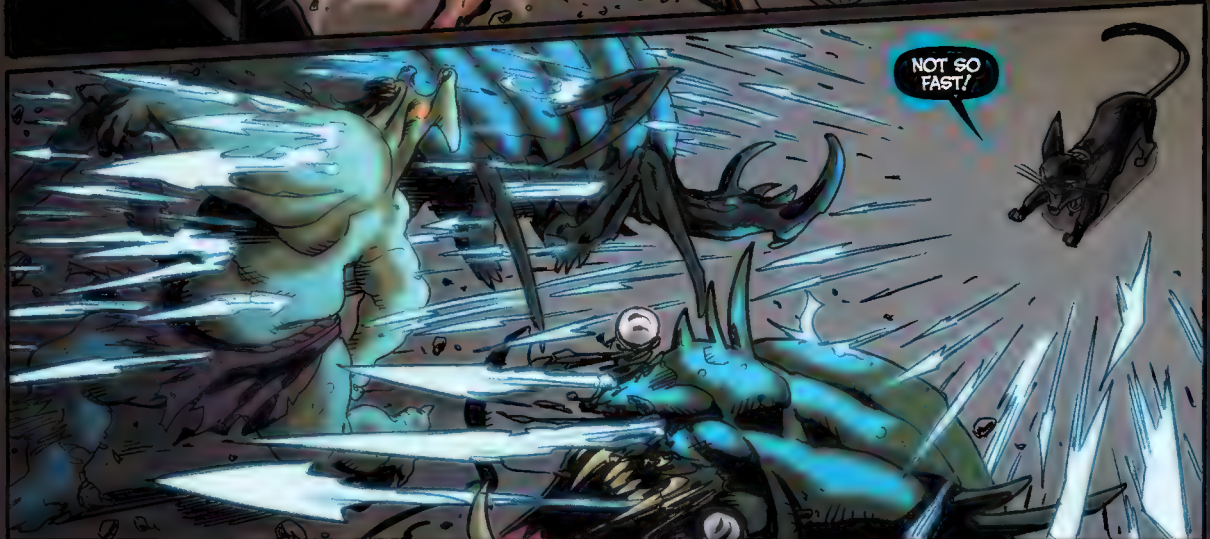
DOWN,
DOGGY!

WELL PLAYED,
MAGICIAN.

YOU GOT
IT!

HECTOR--
YOU HAVE TO CALL
HER OFF!

I... I CAN'T
HANK. I'M NOT IN
CONTROL.





IF NOT
HANK-- THEN...
WHY?!

DON'T ACT
SURPRISED. YOU CAN
SEE EVERYTHING, RIGHT?
YOU KNEW WE WERE MARCHING
ON EARTH. YOU KNOW WHAT
SERKE IS DUE AFTER A
LIFETIME OF EXILE!

YOU ARE WEAK!
YOUR VULNERABILITY
IS HIS GREATEST TOOL TO
CONTROL YOU. YOU CAN
FIGHT HIS HOLD OVER
YOU IF YOU TRY!

WHO
SAYS I WANT
TO?

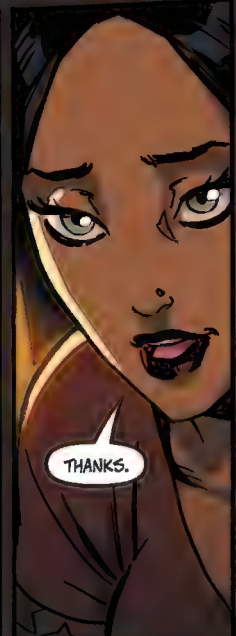
NOW--
ENOUGH
TALK.



SUDANA!



SHAI!



THANKS.



THINK NOTHING
OF IT. BUT, THIS ONE...
SHE WILL DIE--



WAIT!

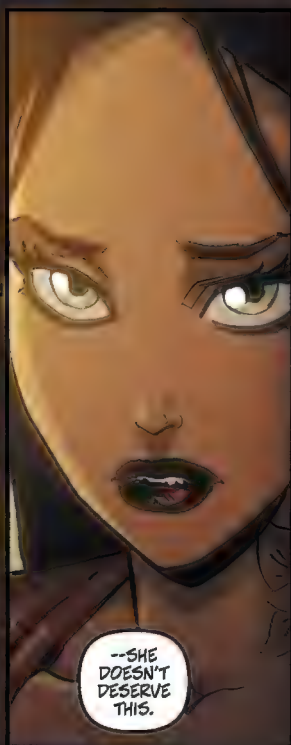
HANK...



WAIT!
YOU CAN'T
KILL HER!

SHE
MUST PAY FOR
HER MISDEEDS
AGAINST THE
REALM!

PLEASE!
NOT LIKE
THIS--



--SHE
DOESN'T
DESERVE
THIS.



SHE DESERVES
FAR WORSE FOR
KILLING MY GUARDIANS
AND DARFLEX. THEY WERE
PEOPLE OF WORTH!
NOT LIKE HER!



THEN YOU
WILL HAVE TO KILL
ME FIRST!

FOOL! MOVE
YOURSELF!

WAIT...



...THERE
IS A WAY.

LATER.

SHA LUX.
IT IS AN HONOR TO
MEET YOU, I HAVE HEARD
THE TALES OF YOUR
REIGN.

GUYS...

...I'VE
DECIDED TO
STAY.

HEC--WHAT
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

I NEED TO
GET MY MIND RIGHT,
HANK. I NEED A FRESH START.
HERE I CAN DO THAT. HERE
I CAN BE SOMEBODY
AGAIN.

IT WILL
BE ALRIGHT,
PROMISE... AND THANK
YOU. WITHOUT
YOU I--

--IT'S ALL
GOOD, MAN. I...
I UNDERSTAND.
BE SAFE, YOU
HEAR?

SHA LUX,
THIS IS OKAY
WITH YOU?

I NORMALLY
DO NOT ALLOW NEW
CITIZENS TO THE REALM,
BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, I
WILL CONSIDER HIM INCENTIVE,
A COMMODITY TO ENSURE THAT
YOU WILL HOLD UP YOUR
END OF THIS AGREEMENT
AND SEE THAT SHE IS
PROPERLY CLEANSED.

MAGICIAN, YOU
WILL TAKE HER TO THE
WIZARD KON AND SEE THAT
SHE IS RELINQUISHED FROM
SERKE'S SPELL-- DO YOU
UNDERSTAND ME?

DO NOT
MAKE ME COME
LOOKING FOR YOU
TO CONFIRM
THIS.

YOU HAVE
MY WORD, AND
THANKS.

REALLY,
THANK YOU. I HOPE WE
MAY ONE DAY MEET AGAIN
UNDER DIFFERENT
CIRCUMSTANCES.

I HOPE
I WILL NOT
REGRET IT.

AND
HANK-- BE MORE
CAREFUL WHO YOU
ALIGN YOURSELF
WITH--

--THEIR SECRETS
COULD BE YOUR
UNDOING.

KON'S TEMPLE.

ORLANA?
SERKE, YOU ARE
A SPECIAL KIND
OF EVIL.

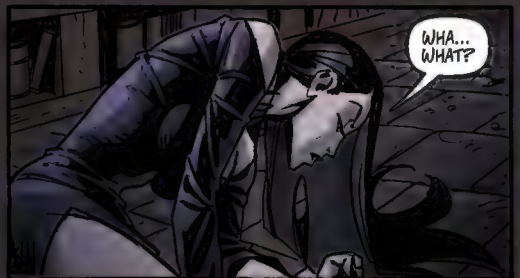
DO NOT WASTE YOUR
BREATH, SAMSUN. THERE
WILL BE NO PLEASANTRIES
BETWEEN US. REST
ASSURED--





SHE IS...
STRONGER
SOMEHOW.

DON'T ACT
SURPRISED, KON.
YOU KNOW BETTER
THAN ALL HOW THE
PAST CAN COME
HAUNTING BACK TO
AVENGE YOU!



WHA...
WHAT?



THAT
IS MORE LIKE
IT.



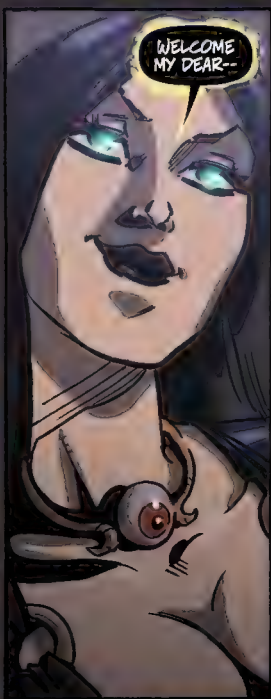
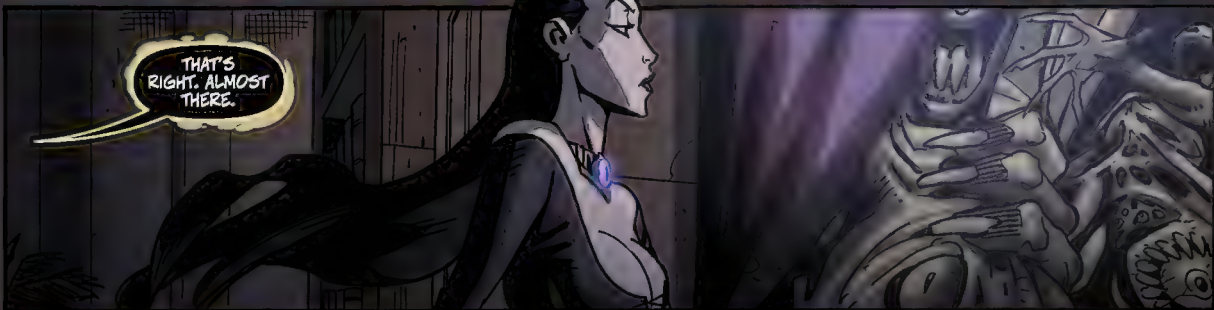
YOU--
YOUR MAGIC...
SO DARK, I CAN
FEEL IT CALLING
FOR ME. HOW
WONDERFUL.



YET USELESS.



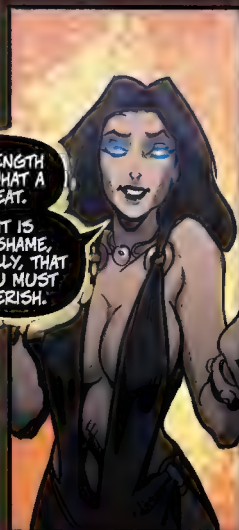
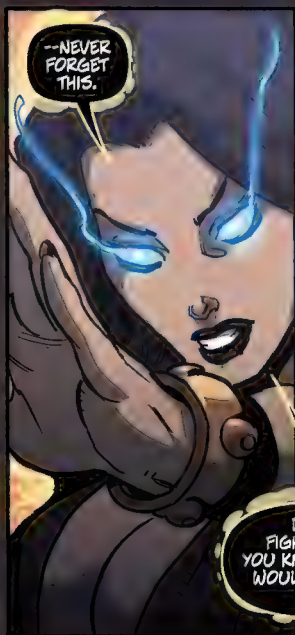
RISE, MY
SERVANT. ALLOW
ME TO SHOW YOU
THE WAY TO TRUE
SALVATION.





OF COURSE
IT IS! AN OBVIOUS
SENTIMENT FROM AN
OBVIOUS FOE!



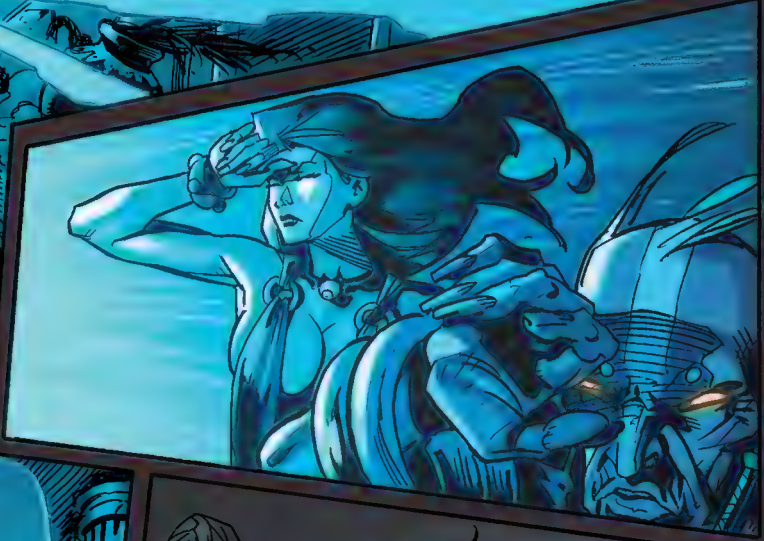


DO NOT FIGHT IT, KON, YOU KNEW THIS DAY WOULD SOMEDAY COME.





-I WILL
MAKE IT
QUICK.



THE GOLDEN REALM.

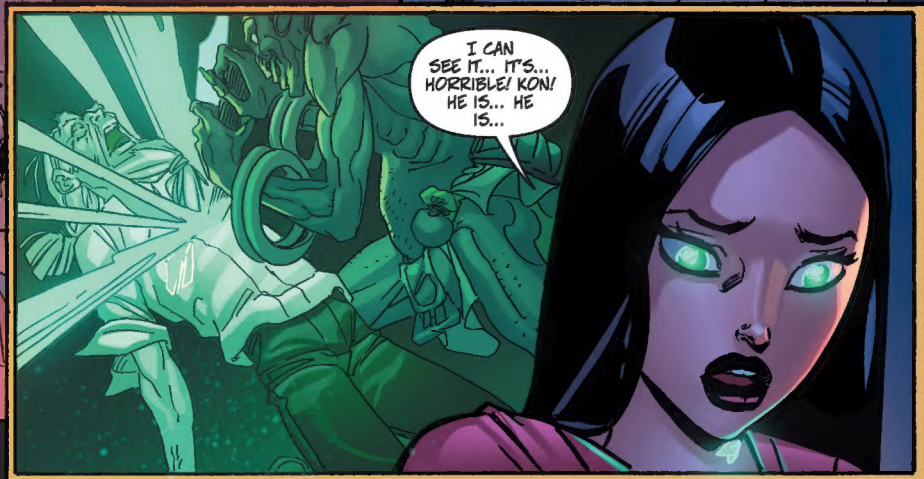
YOU'VE MADE A WISE DECISION. THE REALM IS LIGHT YEARS AHEAD OF ANY OTHER CIVILIZATION WHEN IT COMES TO SUCH PROCEDURES.

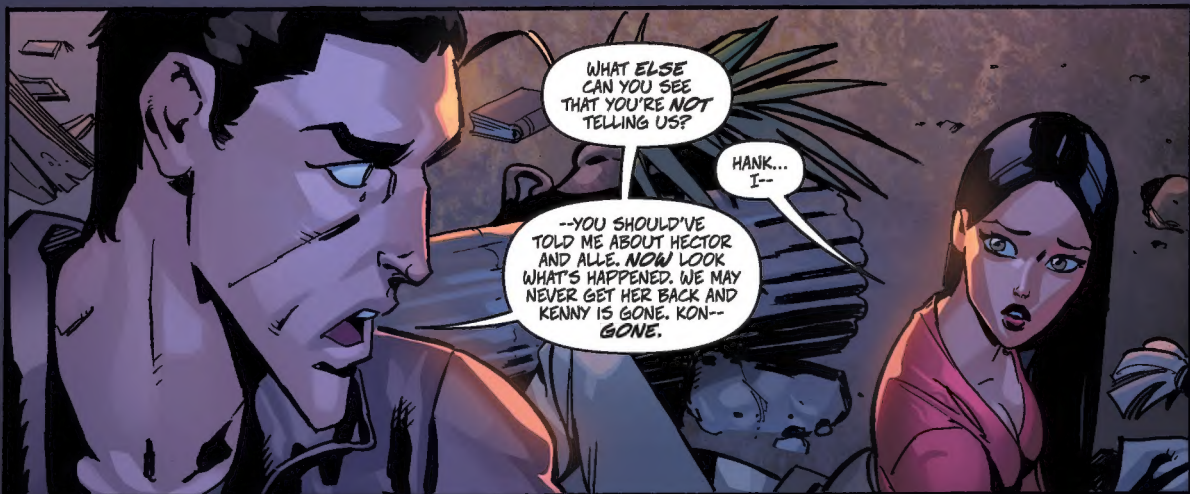
THE WAY I SEE IT, I'VE ALREADY BEEN TURNED INTO SOMETHING ELSE-- THIS IS JUST A WAY TO BELONG. MAGIC IS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT. IT'S MY LIVELIHOOD. MY ATTEMPT...

...TO BE SOMETHING... MORE.

OH, TRUST ME...

...YOU WILL BE MORE THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED.









...AND
ORDER.